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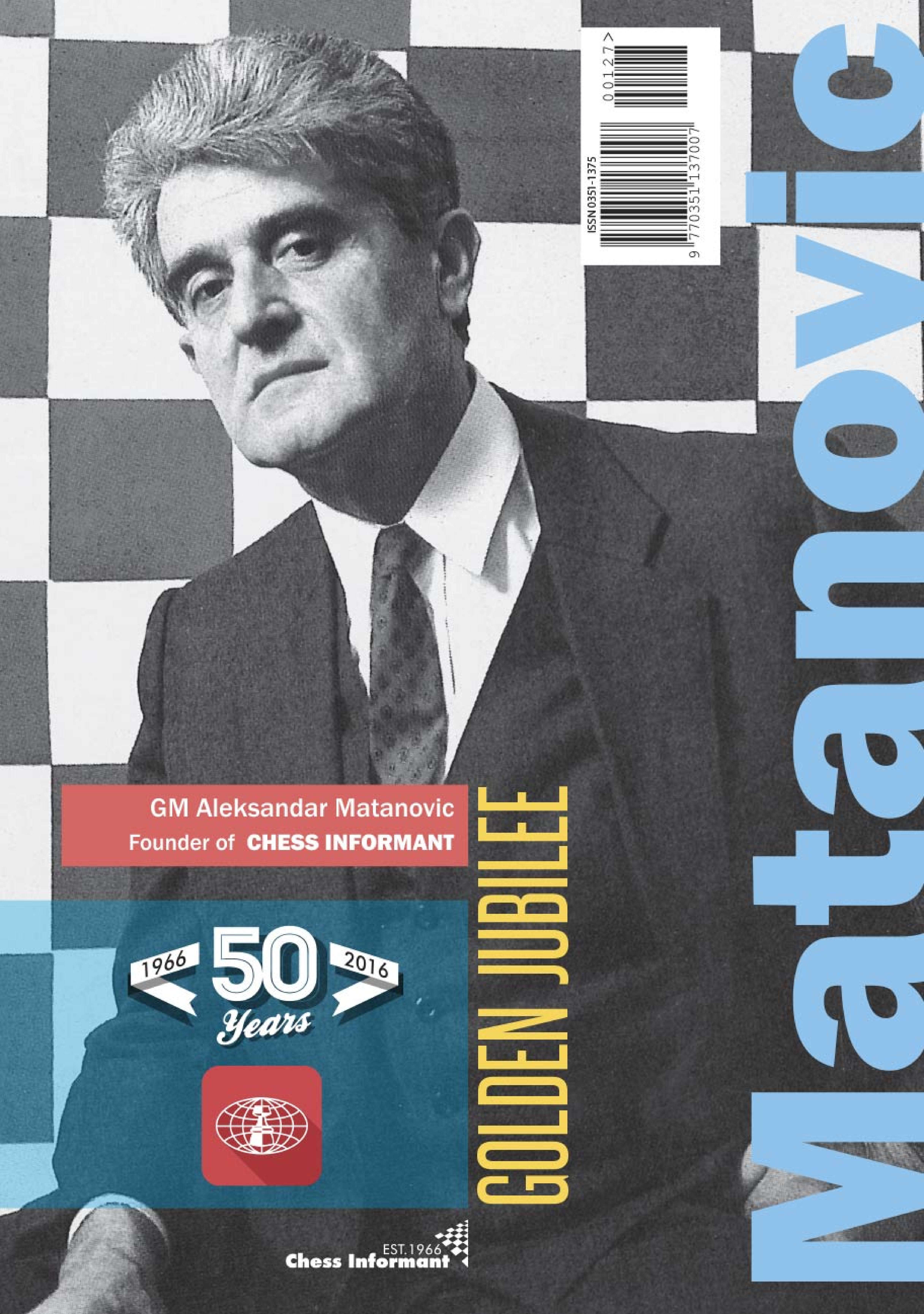

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⩲	white stands slightly better
⩱	black stands slightly better
±	white has the upper hand
∓	black has the upper hand
+−	white has a decisive advantage
−+	black has a decisive advantage
=	even
∞	unclear
=∞	with compensation for the material
⟳	development advantage
○	greater board room
→	with attack
↑	with initiative
⇄	with counter play
⊙	zugzwang
#	mate
!	a very good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a mistake
??	a blunder
!?	a move deserving attention
?!	a dubious move
Δ	with the idea
□	only move
⌓	better is
⊞	centre
⟫	king's side
⟪	queen's side
×	weak point
⊥	endgame
⧉	bishops of opposite color
▞	bishops of the same color

⚇	double pawns
♂	passed pawn
>	advantage in number of pawns
⊕	time
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N	a novelty
(ch)	championship
(izt)	interzonal tournament
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(m)	match
(ol)	olympiad
corr.	correspondence game
RR	editorial comment
R	various moves
∟	with
–	see

THE BEST GAME
OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

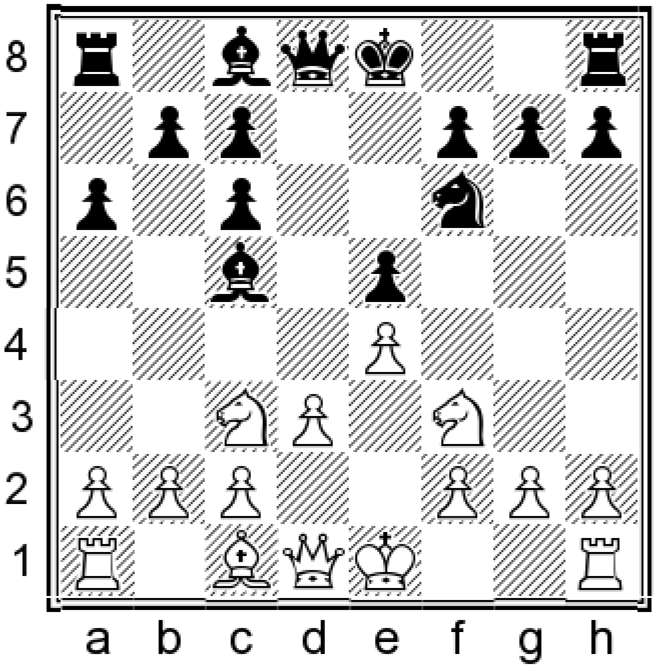
Editors' Pick

126/10 C48
S. Karjakin (2762) - A. Onischuk (2662)
Baku (m/2) 2015

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.♘c3 a6?!

5...d6!?

6.♗xc6 dxc6



7.♘xe5!

7.O-O ♗g4=

7...♕d4

7...♗xf2+ 8.♔xf2 ♕d4+ 9.♗e3 ♕xe5 10.h3±

8.♗e3 ♕xe5 9.d4 ♕e7!

9...♕e6? 10.dxc5 ♘xe4 11.♕d4 ♘f6 12.O-O-O O-O 13.♖he1±

10.dxc5 ♘xe4 11.♕d4!

11.♘xe4 ♕xe4 12.O-O ♗e6=

11...♗f5

11...♘f6 12.O-O-O ♗e6 13.f3±

12.O-O-O

12.♕xg7? O-O-O 13.♕h6 ♘xc3 14.bxc3 ♖hg8∓12.♘xe4 ♕xe4 13.♕xe4+ ♗xe4 14.O-O-O ♗d5= (14...O-O - 14...♗e4)

12...O-O 13.♘xe4 ♕xe4

13...♗xe4!? 14.f3 ♗g6

14.♕xe4 ♗xe4 15.f3!± ♗f5

15...♗d5 16.♗d2!± Δ ♗a5

16.♗f4 ♖ac8 17.♖he1 ♗e6

17...f6 18.g4 ♗g6 19.♖d7 ♖fe8 20.♔d2 ♖xe1 21.♔xe1 ♔f8 22.♔d2 ♗e8±

18.♖e3N

18.♖e4!? b5 19.b3±

18...♖fe8 19.♖d4

19.♖de1 h6 20.b3±

19...b6?!

⌓19...♖e7 20.♖b4 ♖b8±

20.♖b4 a5

20...b5 21.♖d4 a5 22.♖a3 a4 23.b3 axb3 24.axb3±

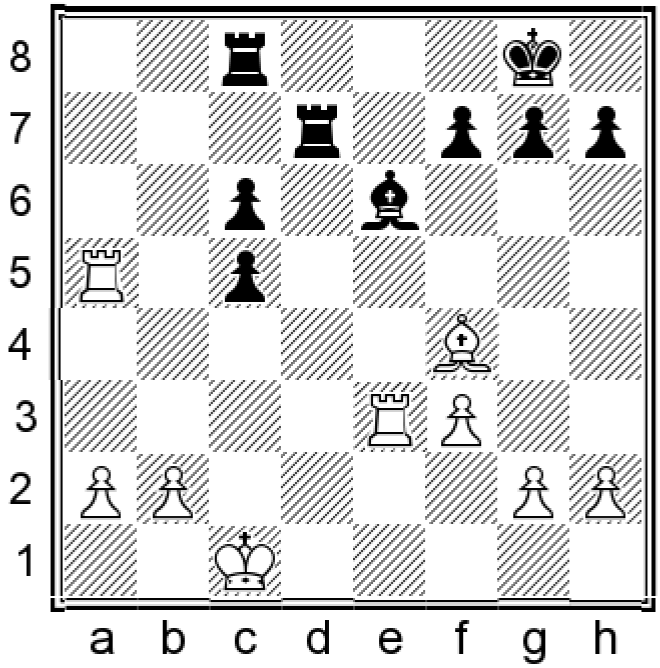
21.♖a4! ♖e7

21...f6!? 22.♖e1 ♔f7 23.♗g3±

22.c4 ♖d7

22...♖a8 23.b4 ♖d7 24.cxb6 cxb6 25.c5 bxc5 26.bxa5±

23.cxb6 cxb6 24.c5 bxc5 25.♖xa5



25...c4?

⌓25...♖cd8 26.♖e1 h6 27.♗e3 ♔h7 28.♖a3 c4±

26.♖ea3! ♖dd8 27.♖a7 h6 28.♖c7! ♖xc7 29.♗xc7 ♖d3

29...♖e8 30.♔d2 ♗f5 31.♖e3±

30.♖a8+!

30.♖xd3 cxd3 31.b3±

30...♔h7 31.♗a5 [∆ ♗c3, a4] **31...h5 32.h4**

32.a4!?

32...♗f5?

⌓32...♖e3 33.♔d2 ♖d3+ 34.♔e2 ♖d4 35.♗c3 (35.♗e1 c3 36.bxc3 ♗c4+ 37.♔e3 ♖d3+ 38.♔f2 ♖d1±) 35...♖xh4 36.a4 ♖h1 37.a5 h4 38.♔e3 ♖d1 39.♖b8 ♖d3+ 40.♔f2 ♖d7 41.♖b6 ♗d5 42.a6 ♖a7 43.♗d4 c3 44.bxc3 ♖a8±

33.a4± ♖d6 34.♗c3 c5 35.a5 ♖g6?!

35...f6 36.a6 ♗d3 37.b4 cxb3 38.a7 ♖a6 39.♖d8 ♖xa7 40.♖xd3 c4 41.♖d4 ♖a2 42.♖d2 ♖a6 43.♔b2+-

36.a6 ♖xg2 37.♖f8!+- [×g7]

37.a7? ♖g1+ 38.♔d2 ♖a1

37...♗e6 38.a7 ♗d5 39.a8=♕ ♗xa8 40.♖xa8 ♖f2 41.♖c8 1-0

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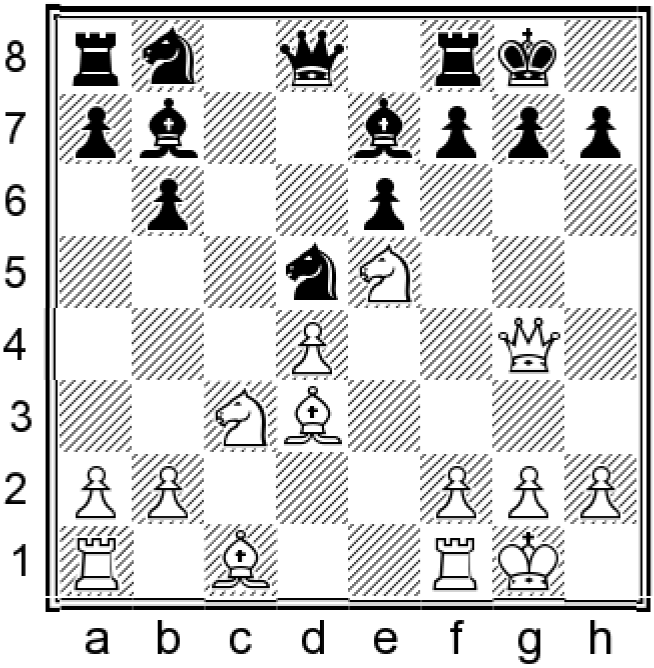
THE MOST IMPORTANT THEORETICAL NOVELTY OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

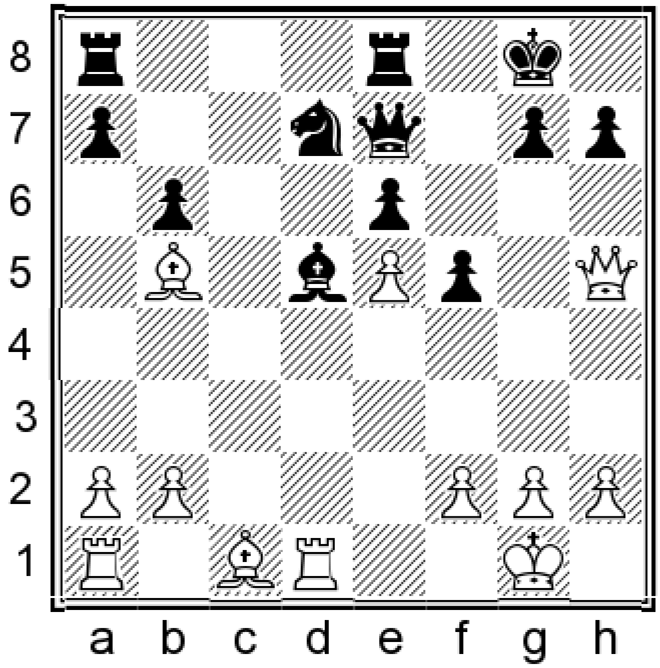
Editors' Pick

126/163 !N E14
Kramnik 2777 – Topalov 2813
Skopje 2015

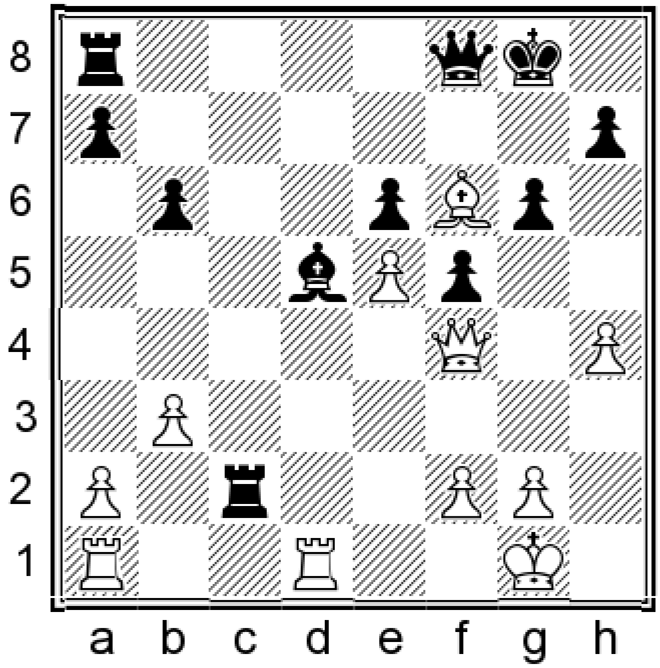
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.e3!? c5 4.♗d3 b6 5.0-0 ♗b7 6.c4 cxd4 7.exd4 ♗e7 8.♘c3 d5 [8...0-0 9.d5!±] **9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.♘e5 0-0 11.♕g4**



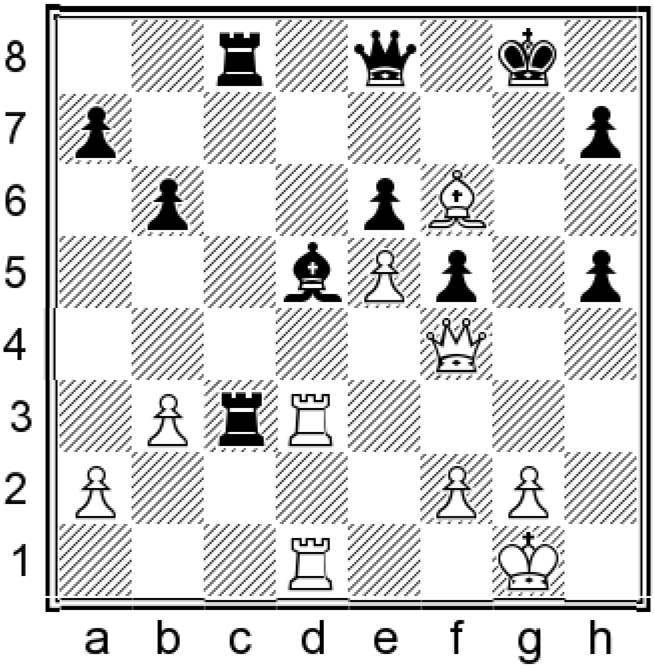
11...f5 [11...♘f6 12.♕h4 ♘e4 13.♕h3 ♕xd4 14.♗f4 ♘f6 15.♘e2 ♕a4 (15...Qd8 - 109/340) 16.♖fc1! ♗a6 (16...♘a6 17.♖c4 ♕a5 18.♘d7 ♖fd8 19.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 20.♕xh7+ ♔f8 21.♘g3→) 17.♗c2 ♕e8 18.♘c3±] **12.♕e2 ♗f6 13.♗c4 ♖e8 14.♖d1 ♘d7** 14...♘c6 15.♘xd5 exd5 16.f4!±] **15.♗b5!**N [15.Bxd5] **15...♗xe5 16.dxe5 ♕e7** [16...a6 17.♘xd5 ♗xd5 (17...axb5 18.♘b4 ♕e7 19.♖d6±) 18.♗xa6 ♘xe5 19.♗b5 ♘d7 20.♗f4±] **17.♘xd5 ♗xd5 18.♕h5**



18...g6 [18...♕b4! 19.♗xd7 ♖ed8 20.♗d2 ♕e4 21.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 22.♗c3 ♕g4 23.♕xg4 fxg4±] **19.♕h6 ♖ec8 20.♗g5 ♕f7 21.♗xd7 ♕xd7 22.♗f6 ♕f7** [22...♖c4?? 23.♖xd5 exd5 24.e6 ♕c7 25.e7+–] **23.b3 ♕f8 24.♕f4 ♖c2?!** [24...♖c5! 25.h4 h6] **25.h4**



25...♖ac8?! [25...h6 26.♖xd5! exd5 27.♖d1+–; 25...h5! 26.♖xd5 exd5 27.♖d1 ♖c5∞] **26.h5 ♕e8 27.♖d3 ♖2c3 28.♖ad1 gxh5??**



29.♖xd5 exd5 30.e6! ♖3c7 31.♖xd5 ♕xe6 32.♕g5+ ♔f8 33.♖xf5 ♖f7 34.♕h6+ ♔e8 35.♖e5 ♖c6 36.♕xh5 1–0

Harikrishna

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.e3 ♗b7 5.♗d3 c5 6.0-0 ♗e7 7.♘c3 cxd4 8.exd4 d5 9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.♘e5 0-0

- **11.♕h5 ♘f6 12.♕h4 ♘e4** 1 **13.♕h3 ♕xd4 14.♗f4** 2 **♘f6** 3 **15.♘e2 ♕a4** 4 **16.♖fc1! ♘a6** 5 **17.♖c4 ♕a5** 6 **18.♘d7 ♖fd8 19.♘xf6+ ♗xf6** 7 ±
- **... 11...g6 12.♕h3 ♘c6 13.♗h6** 8 **♘xd4!** 9 **14.♗xf8 ♗xf8 15.♘xd5** 10 **♕xd5** 11 **16.♖fe1 ♗b4! 17.♗e4** 12 **♕xe5 18.♗xb7 ♗xe1 19.♗xa8 ♘e2** 13 =
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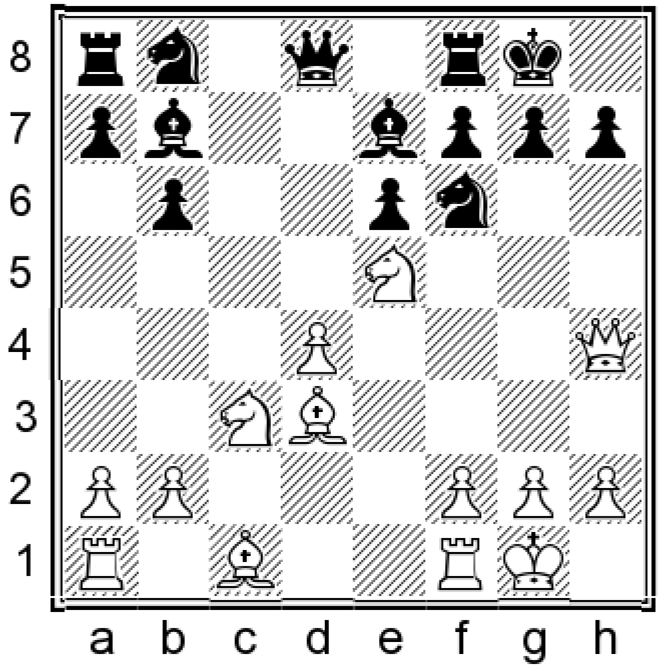

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b) 13...h6?! 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♕e4 g6 16.♘xc6 ♕c7 (16...♕d6 17.♕f3!+–) 17.d5 ♖fe8 18.♘b5 ♕d7 19.♘e5+– Bernal Moro,Luis Javier 2425 - Navara,David 2616, Pardubice 2004;

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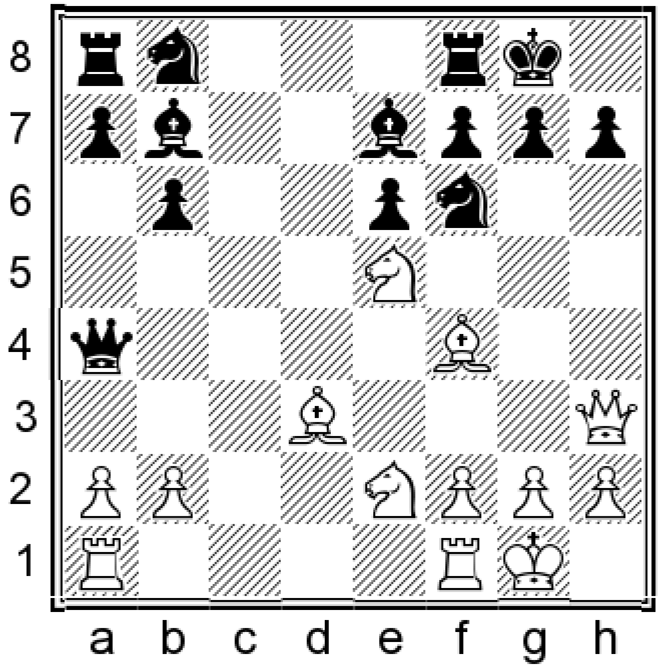

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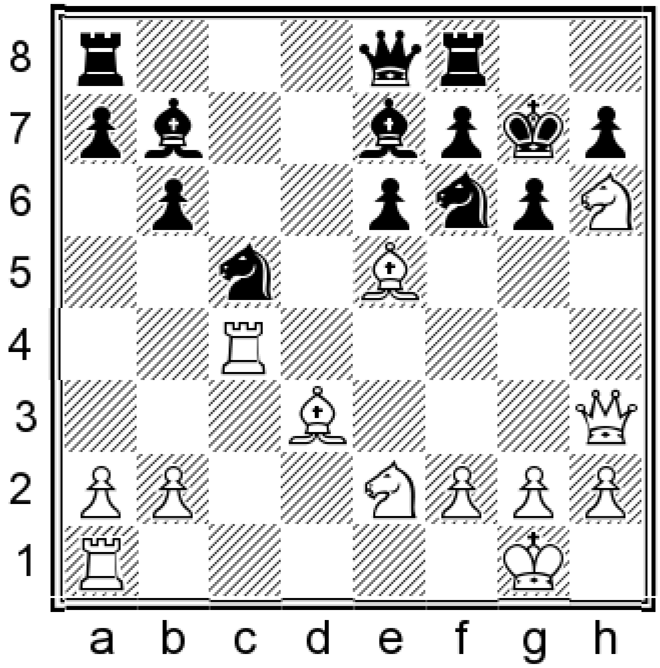

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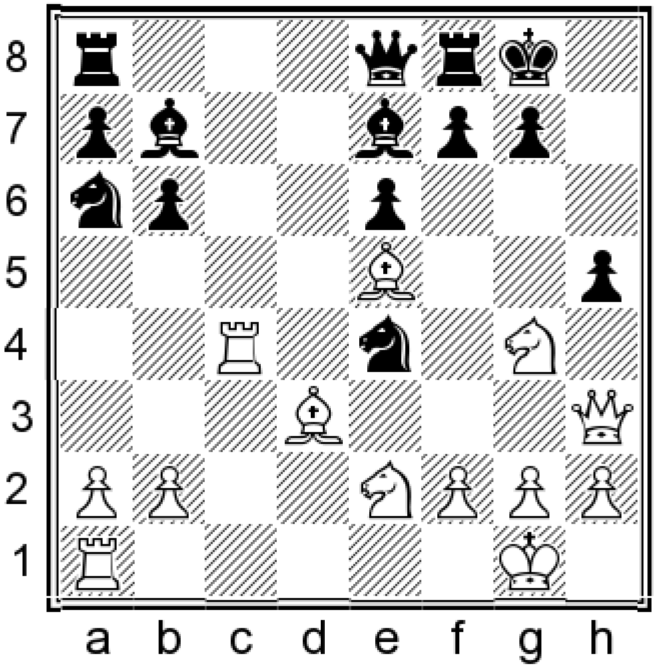

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7 20.♕xh7+ ♔f8 21.♘g3 ♕d5 22.♗f1± Kovalenko,Igor 2650 - Horvath,Adam 2539, Bastia (rapid) 2014

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9 13...♖e8 14.♗b5 ♘xd4! 15.♗xe8 ♕xe8 16.♘xd5 ♗xd5 17.♖fd1 ♘f5=∞ Perera Borrego,Mariela 2077 - Cerrato Torrijos,Maria 2100, Benidorm 2010

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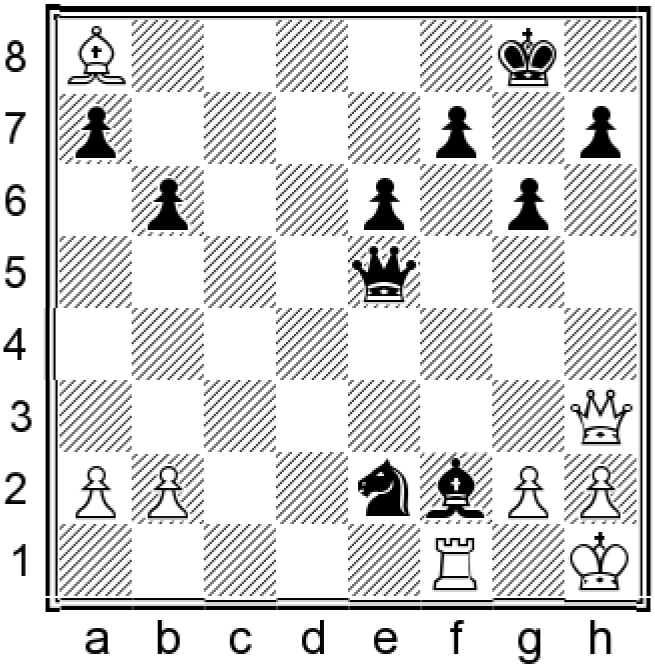

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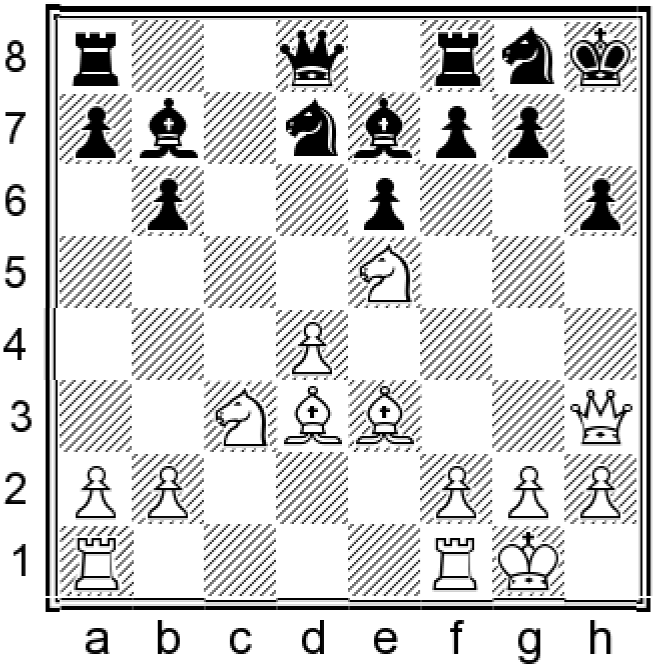

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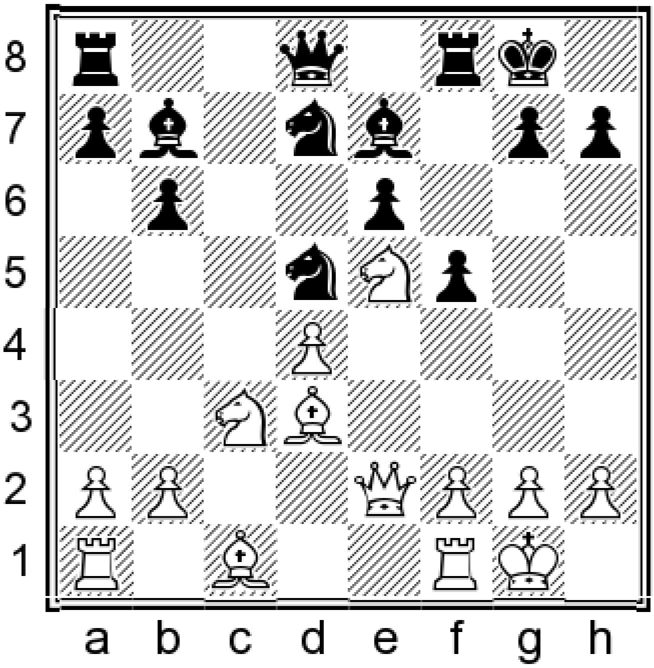

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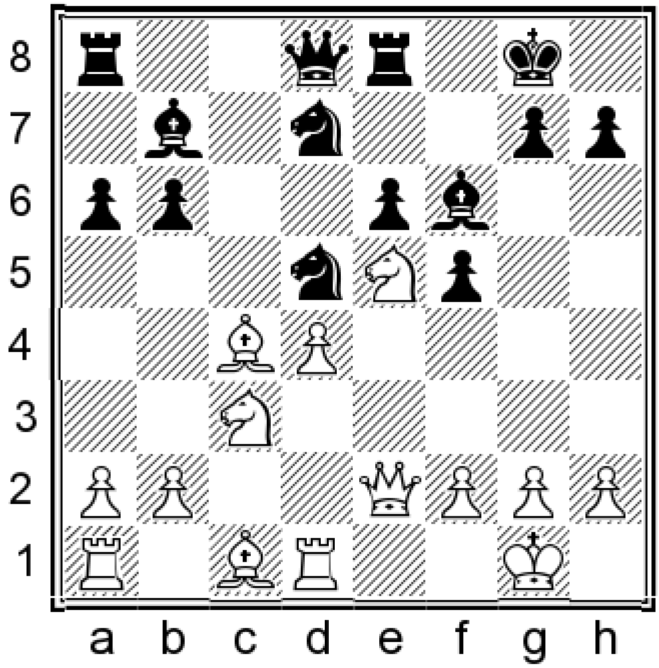

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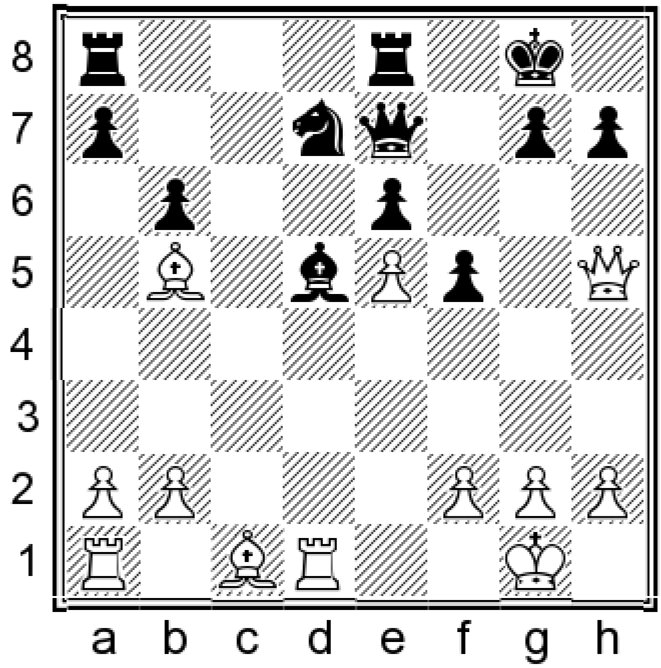

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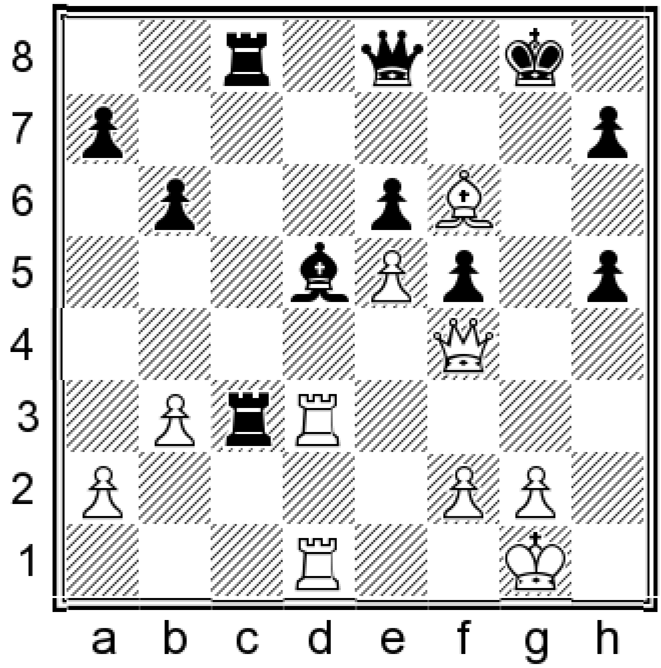

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LEGEND LIVES ON

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Well, I may not be quite as old as Chess Informant but, having been born in Belgrade and lived there all my life, in the days of my youth I always had the feeling that there was a secret window in my neighbourhood, which opened up into the magical world of chess.

The first volume of Informator that I bought was the dark green and hefty No. 47, following which I tried frantically to collect as many other volumes as I could. Later, sometime in 1994, I remember being exceptionally pleased with my preparation for a game against a strong IM, which had been directly influenced by a study of Informant. This featured a rather strange manoeuvre ♗d3-e2 followed by ♘f4-d3 in the Scotch Game, which I had learned from a study of Chandler vs Khalifman – 59/(341). In 1999, the then grandmaster-to-be, Dragan Solak (a contributor to this volume!) published a reference to a French Defence game we had played in Greece. It may have been just a small note but I felt that my name had now entered into the history of our beloved game. It was only in 2007 that I plucked up the courage to submit a game myself, a Budapest Gambit win against GM Alexander Graf. I almost felt ashamed, it was as if I didn't really deserve to make such a submission and was only disturbing the editors. Imagine what a happy occasion it was for me when I received the news of my Informant round number (and not with a bracket!) – 100/27.

Half a century is such a long, long time. You can reach for the sky, only to fall down – but then find your way back up again to the stars. Just like the mythical Phoenix, Informant has survived many blows over the years. But today, once again, it is standing on its feet, proud and determined to get better and better with each issue.

So many great people have invested their time, energy and knowledge during this lengthy journey. So allow me to say a few words here, not about our production team but our readers and subscribers who have continued to support us throughout the many changes that have taken place in recent years. We never lost their loyalty, which is what makes our every day at Informant meaningful and joyful. It is the font from which we gain our strength. So thank you guys, you represent a united front from the worldwide chess community.

On the back cover of this volume is featured Aleksandar Matanovic, who at 85 years of age is currently one of the oldest grandmasters in the world. A top class player in his heyday, he founded Sahovski Informator in 1966 and, in doing so, I would like to emphasise he was a visionary who showed us a way to share chess information across the globe. Moreover he thereby effectively paved the way for chess to make a confident entrance into the era of modern technology. Thank you, Aleksandar, for your leadership right up to the present day – and long may it continue in the future as well!

2016 is the year that we can all join together to celebrate the 50 years anniversary of yours sincerely, Chess Informant.

Josip Asik, *Director, CI*

Rublevsky

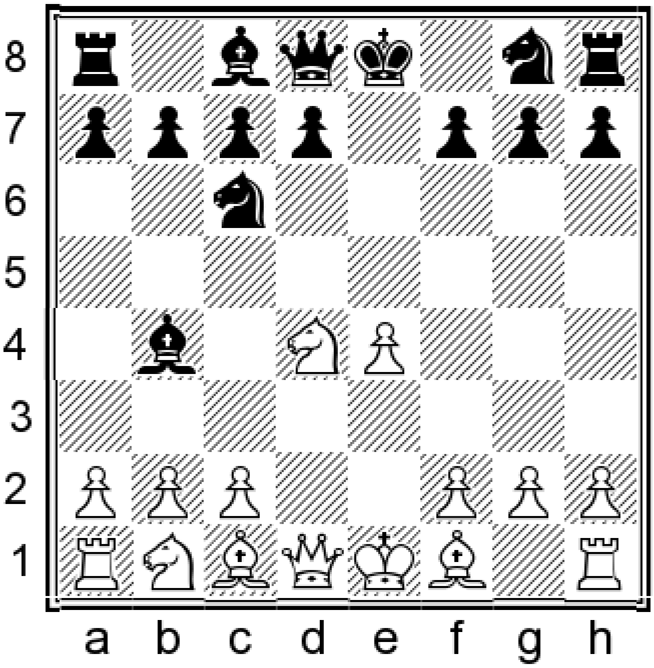
AN ANCIENT OPENING REVIVED – REINVENTED – RESPECTED...

...AND 4...♗b4 IS NO PROBLEM!

Russian GM and opening theoretician, Sergei Rublevsky, explains why he will not be losing any sleep over a currently fashionable line against his favourite Scotch Game

The move 4...♗b4 in the Scotch Game has gained in popularity over the past few years. It was in fact re-introduced into tournament practice by Armenian grandmasters Gabriel Sargissian and Vladimir Akopian, who came up with a series of new ideas. Then Vladimir Kramnik and Levon Aronian adopted the line a couple of times in their games. Interestingly, perhaps due to its less explored paths, 4...♗b4 has been almost the regular choice of the tenth Women's World Champion, Antoaneta Stefanova. Nevertheless, it seems to me that it is less strong than the more deeply analysed 4...♗c5 or 4...♘c6, and that White has very good chances of gaining an opening advantage against it. I will try to prove this on the basis of my own experience, which I believe is quite significant, as over the years I have had to face this line, as well as many others in the Scotch Game, when playing the White pieces

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 ed4 4.♘d4 ♗b4



5.c3 ♗c5 6.♗e3 ♗b6 7.♘f5

The most logical and principled continuation for White. Here Black has a choice between taking on e3 himself or leaving White to take on b6 which opens the a-file for him.

A WIN AGAINST KASPAROV

Sergei Rublevsky gained major international recognition at the European Club Cup in Turkey 2004, when he tumbled Garry Kasparov in a long and complex battle resulting from a 3.♗b5 anti-Sicilian. You will find his annotations to this encounter in Chess Informant 92.

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Sergei Rublevsky 2649 — Garry Kasparov 2813
Cesme 92/105, 2004

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 e6 4.0-0 ♘ge7 5.c3 a6 6.♗a4 c4 7.♕e2 b5 8.♗c2 ♘g6 9.b3 ♕c7 10.bc4 ♘f4 11.♕e3 bc4 12.♗a3 ♗e7 13.♗e7 ♘e7 14.♘a3 0-0 15.♖ab1!?N f5 16.♕b6 ♕b6 17.♖b6 fe4 18.♗e4 d5 19.♗c2 ♘eg6 20.♗g6 ♘g6 21.♘c2 e5!? 22.♘e3 ♗f5! 23.♘f5!? ♖f5 24.♖fb1 ♖af8?! 25.♖a6 e4 26.♘d4 ♖f2 27.♘e6 ♖2f6□28.♘f8 ♖a6 29.♘g6 hg6 30.♔f2! ♖a2 31.♔e3 ♔f7 32.♖b7 ♔f6 33.♖b6 ♔f7 34.♖d6 ♖a5 35.h4 g5 36.hg5 ♔e7 37.♖c6 ♖a1 38.♔d4 ♖d1 39.♔d5 e3 40.♖e6 ♔d7 41.♖e3 ♖d2 42.♔c4 ♖g2 43.♖e5 ♔d6 44.♖a5 ♖g4 45.♔b3 ♖g1?! 46.♔b4 ♖b1 47.♔c4 ♔e6 48.♖a6 ♔f5 49.g6+– ♖g1 50.♔b5 ♔e5 51.c4 ♖b1 52.♔c6 ♖g1 53.♔d7 ♖d1 54.♔e7 ♖b1 55.♖a5 ♔d4 56.♔f8 ♖b7 57.♖f5 1 : 0

Shortly afterwards he took first place in the prestigious Aeroflot Open but one of his best ever performances came a year later when he was crowned as 58th Russian chess champion by winning the Russian Superfinal in Moscow, a point ahead of Jakovenko and Morozevich.

His rise to the world elite had now begun and, after finishing among the top ten in the World Cup, he qualified to play in the Candidates Tournament of 2007. Here he defeated Ponomariov in the first round but was then eliminated by Grischuk in a rapid playoff following a 3 : 3 tie in games played at regular time limit.

Overall, in team competitions Rublevsky has won four gold medals and one individual bronze medal at Chess Olympiads.

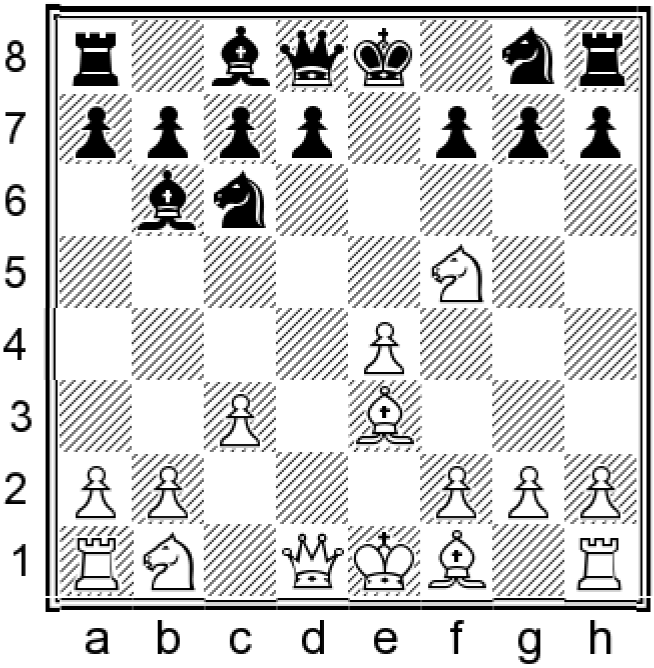
Recently he has further developed his career by establishing himself as the man behind the revival of Russian women’s chess. As team captain and principal coach, he led the Russian ladies to gold medals at the the Chess Olympiad in Tromso 2014 and the European championship in Reykjavik 2015.

Over the years, Rublevsky has gained a reputation for going his own way in the opening and demonstrating his skills both in theory and practice with some original lines of play. Here he discusses one of his favourites, the Scotch Game, which he employs regularly.

Gold medal at the Tromso Olympiad: Rublevsky with Russian ladies

When Black exchanges on e3

Rublevsky 2698 — Yandemirov 2375
Russia 2015

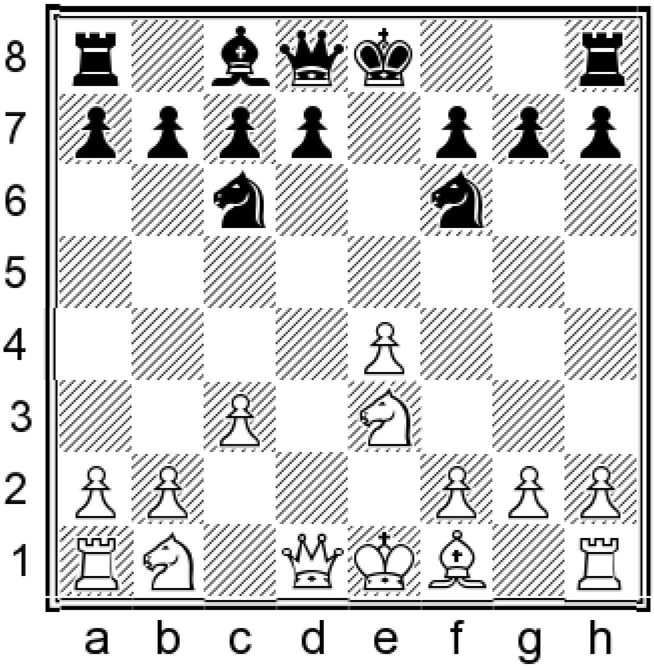


After **7...♗e3 8.♘e3** Black has three main alternatives: ...d6, ...♘ge7 and ...♘f6.

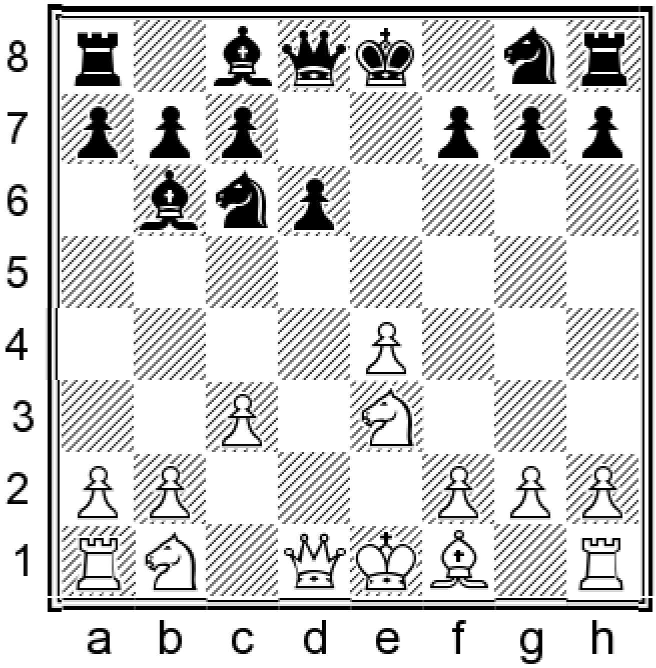
8...d6

[8...♘ge7 indicates that Black plans to free his position with ...f7-f5, although White’s bishop on g2 will be ideally placed to meet this break: 9.g3!? d6 10.♗g2 0-0 11.0-0 ♔h8 12.f4 f5 13.♕d3 fe4 14.♗e4 h6 15.c4 with advantage for White;

8...♘f6



White can now continue 9.f3!? (9.♘d2?! d5=) 9...0-0 10.c4 and it will be an uneasy task for Black to obtain counterplay: 10...♘h5 (RR 10...♘e5 Tseshkovsky 2599 – Golod 2582, Biel (open) 2005 – 94/(231); 10...d6 Carlsson 2499 – Lindberg 2410, Sweden 2013 – 119/97) 11.♕d2 ♕h4 12.♕f2 ♕f2 13.♔f2 ♘f4 14.♘c3 and when the white knight gets to d5, Black will face serious problems defending the c7-pawn.]



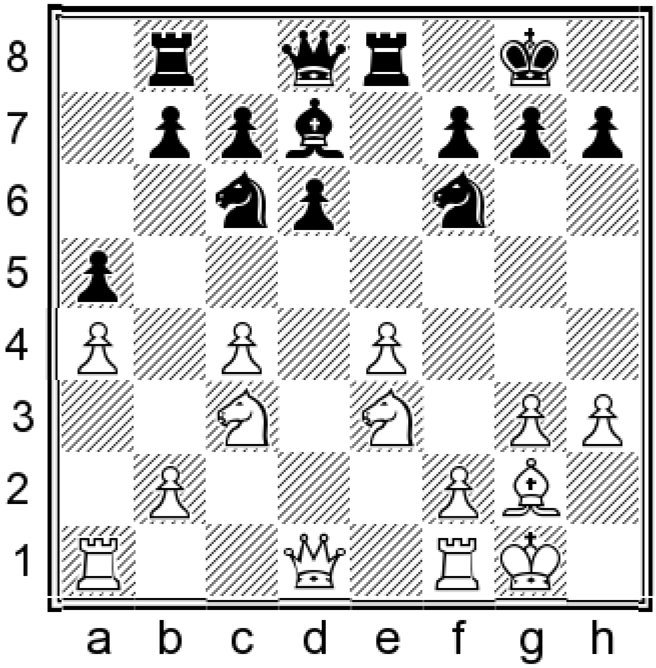
9.g3

[Upon 9.c4 it is already logical for Black to play 9...♘ge7 10.♘c3 0-0 11.♗d3 (otherwise 11.♗e2 f5!? 12.ef5 ♘f5 13.♘f5 ♗f5 14.0-0 ♕f6=) 11...♘d4!? 12.0-0 c5 with an acceptable game.]

9...♘f6 10.♗g2 0-0 11.c4 ♗d7

Now that White has fianchettoed his bishop, it is logical to commence counterplay on the queenside.

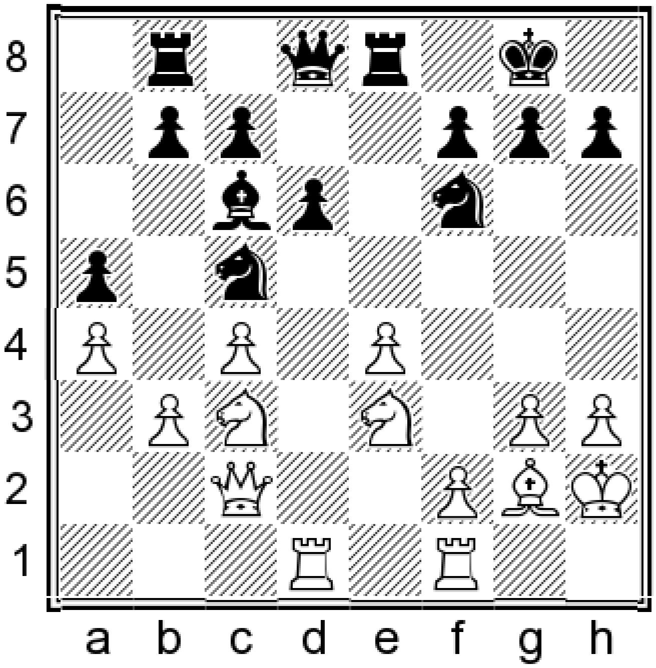
12.♘c3 a6 13.0-0 ♖e8 14.h3 ♖b8 15.a4 a5



16.♔h2

[It would be premature to go for 16.f4?! ♘b4 when White needs to defend his centre with the queen on d4, where it can be pretty vulnerable: 17.♕d4 ♗c6 18.♘cd5 (If 18.♖ae1 ♘d7 19.♘f5 ♕f6=) 18...♗d5 19.cd5 c6 20.dc6 ♘c6 21.♕d3 ♘b4 22.♕d4 ♘c6=]

16...♘b4 17.b3 ♘a6 18.♕c2 ♘c5 19.♖ad1 ♗c6



20.f3!?

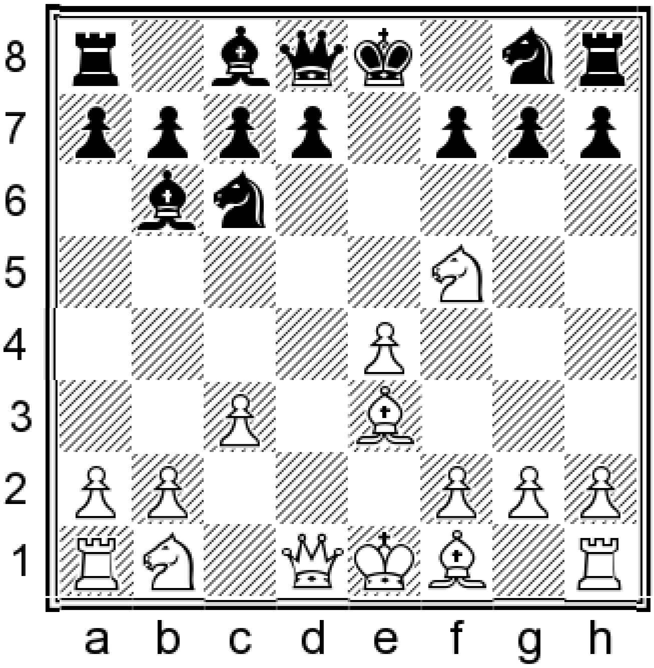
[Again, 20.♘ed5 is premature because of 20...♗d5 21.cd5 c6 with an equal game.]

Here, in spite of his sturdy position and the absence of any weaknesses, there’s nothing really much that Black can do and White will be able to gradually strengthen his position, mainly thanks to his space advantage.

The game now continued 20...b6 21.♘f5 ♗b7 22.♖fe1 ♘fd7 23.f4 ♖e6 24.♘d5± and it is already evident that White has an advantage.

When Black does not exchange on e3

Rublevsky 2702 — D’Amore 2459
European Club Cup, Skopje 2015

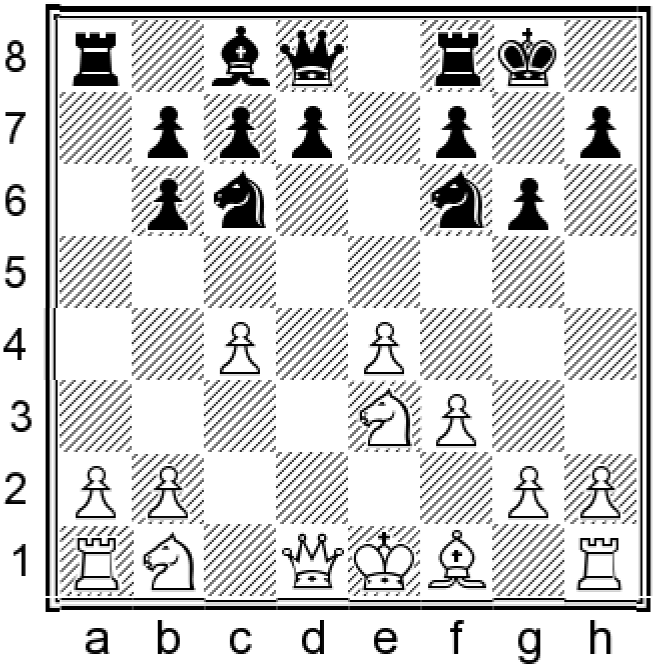


7...g6 8.♗b6 ab6 9.♘e3 ♘f6 10.f3

[10.♘d2?! is certainly worse since then ...d5 leads to an equal game.]

10...♕e7

[10...0-0 was Black's choice in the game Rublevsky – Ivan Sokolov. After 11.c4



A) Black opted for 11...♕e7 which seems rather sluggish. The game continued 12.♘c3 ♕c5 13.♕d2 ♘b4 14.♖c1, allowing White to repulse all of Black's knight jumps and eventually to place his own knight on d5. After 14...♕e5 (14...♘a2? is just losing after 15.♖a1 ♘c3 16.♖a8 ♘b1 17.b4!) 15.a3 ♘c6 16.♘cd5 White had a clear advantage. So Black really needs to look for quicker counterplay, otherwise he might land in a bind because of the cramping effect of White's e4 and c4 pawns, Rublevsky 2703 – Ivan Sokolov 2657, Serbia 2009.

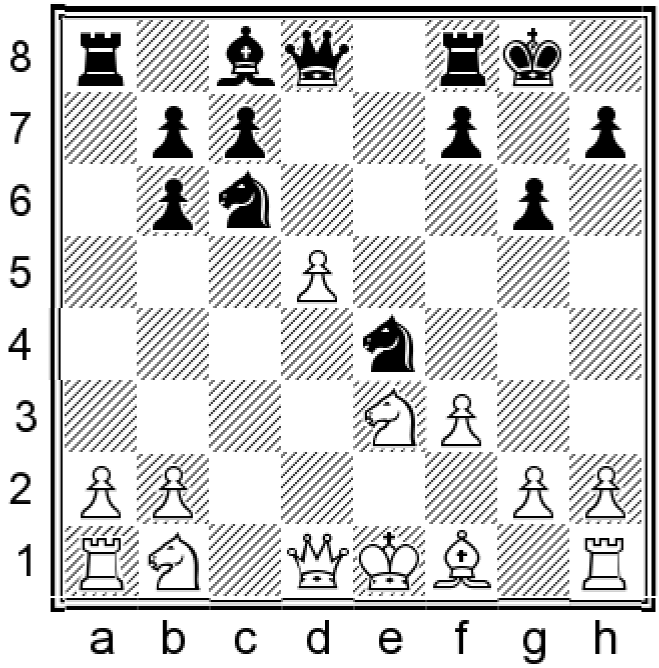
Let’s check out the other options:

B) 11...d6 is also sluggish. 12.♘c3 ♘h5 13.♕d2 ♖e8 (13...♕h4 14.♕f2 ♕f2 15.♔f2 ♗e6 16.♘ed5 with a better endgame for White.) 14.0-0-0 and in spite of the semi-open a-file White’s chances on the kingside are somewhat better;

C) 11...♘h5 leads to the previous line after 12.♕d2 (If 12.g3 ♖e8 13.♘c3 f5 with solid counterplay.) 12...d6 13.♘c3;

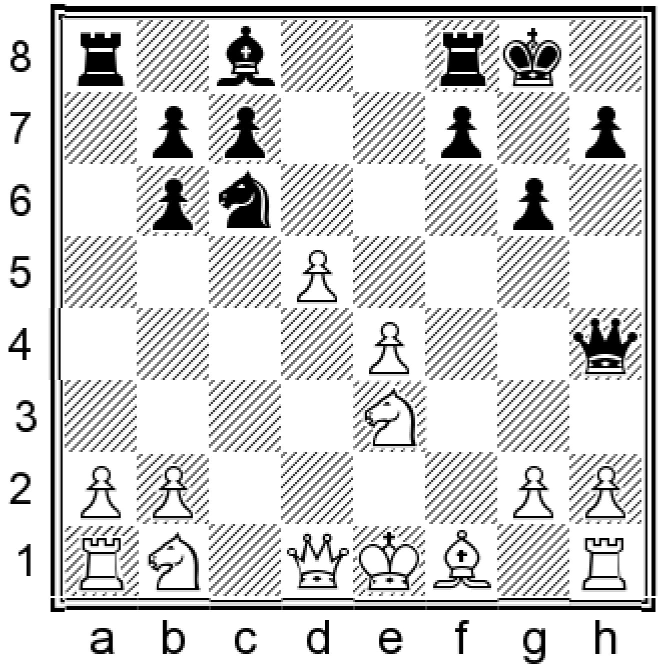
D) 11...♘e4 doesn’t work here due to 12.fe4 ♕h4 13.♔d2 ♕e4 14.♘d5 ♕e5 15.♘bc3 ♘d4 16.♕e1 ♕g5 17.♔d3 d6 18.♘e4 ♕e5 19.♕f2 ♘c6 (19...♘b3 20.♖e1 ♖a2 21.♘ef6) 20.♖e1 ♗f5 21.g4 just winning;

E) However 11...d5!? looks very principled. Then 12.cd5 ♘e4!



E1) 13.dc6? ♕h4 14.g3 (14.♔e2? ♕f2 15.♔d3 ♖d8) 14...♘g3 15.hg3 ♕h1 with a dangerous attack as in the game Joshua Ruiz 2395 – Suri Vaibhav 2521, Durban 2014

E2) 13.fe4 ♕h4



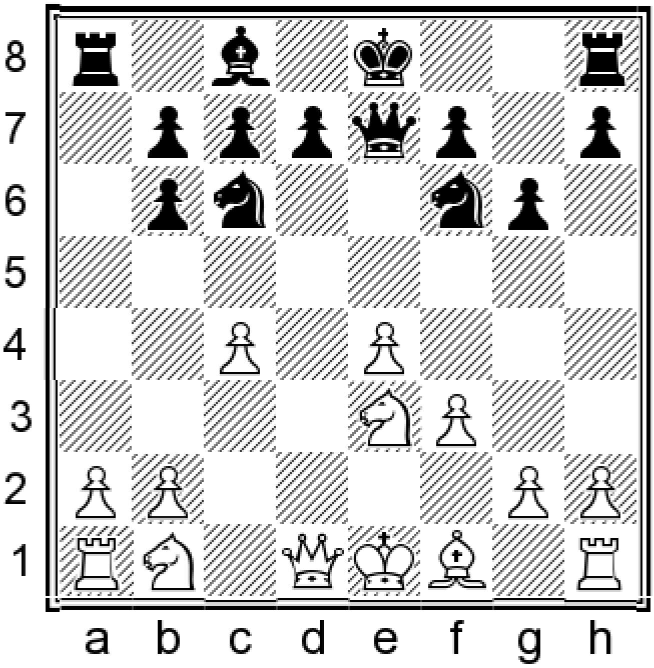
E2a) Previously played was 14.♔d2 ♕e4

E2a1) 15.♘c3 ♕d4 16.♔e2 ♕f4 17.dc6 bc6 (RR 17...♖e8?? Sochacki 2402 – Mons 2332, Maribor 2012 – 116/104) ;

E2a2) 15.♗d3 ♕d4 16.♕b3 ♖e8 17.♖e1 ♘e5 18.♕c3 ♕f4 Zumsande 2422 – Jones 2623, Douglas 2015;

E2b) 14.♔e2!?N 14...♕e4 15.♘d2 ♕f4 16.♘f3 (16.dc6? ♖e8 17.♕b3 ♖a5) 16...♖e8 17.♕d2 ♖a4 18.♔f2 ♘e5 19.♖d1 (19.♘c4 ♖c4 20.♗c4 ♘g4 21.♔g1 ♕c4 22.♖c1 ♕a2 23.♖c7 ♘f6) 19...♗d7 20.h3 ♘f3 21.gf3 ♕h4 22.♔g2 c5 23.♕c1 h5 24.♖h2 ♖a2 25.♔h1 and White's chances are superior due to his extra material.]

11.c4

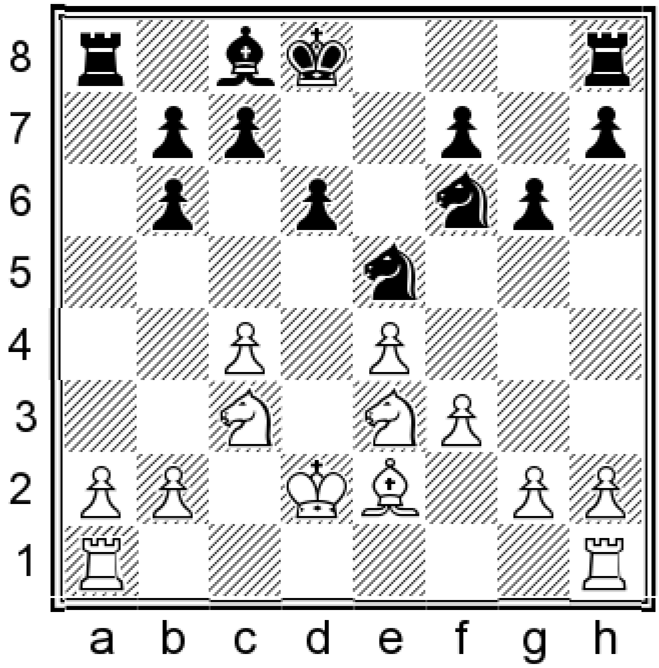


11...♕b4

[White experiences only temporary inconvenience after 11...♕c5 12.♕d2 ♘d4, as after 13.♘a3 (13.♘c3?? ♘b3!) 13...c6 14.0-0-0 ♘e6 15.♔b1 0-0 16.♘ac2 when it is namely Black who is in a bind. After 11...0-0 the game follows previously discussed lines.]

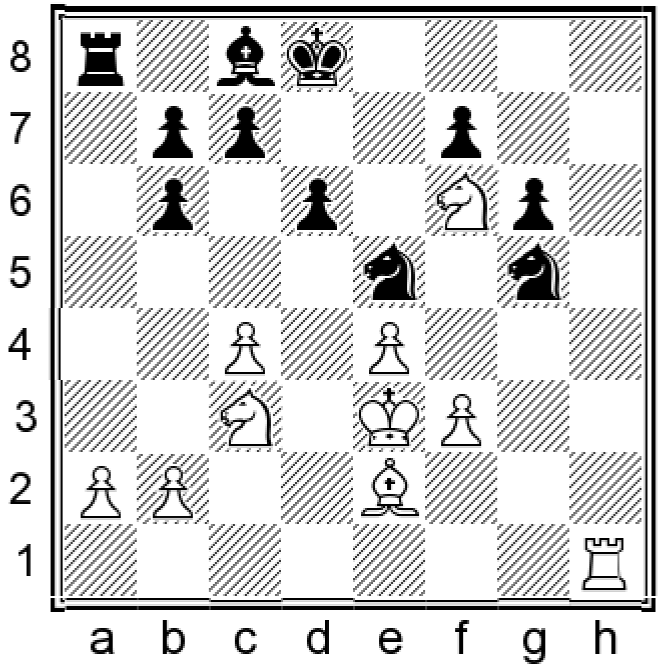
12.♕d2 ♕d2 13.♔d2 d6 14.♘c3 ♔d8 15.♗d3 ♘e5 16.♗e2

Any trade of pieces in this constrained position would only favour Black.



16...h5!?

[In the game Rublevsky – Sargissian, Khanty-Mansiysk (world-ch-blitz) 2013, Black allowed me to gain space even on the kingside, which after 16...♖e8?! 17.g4!? ♘fd7 18.h4 ♘c5 19.♘ed5 h6 20.♘f6 ♖h8 21.g5 ♘e6 22.♔e3 led to a miserable position for him, as he cannot go 22...hg5 23.hg5 ♖h1 24.♖h1 ♘g5



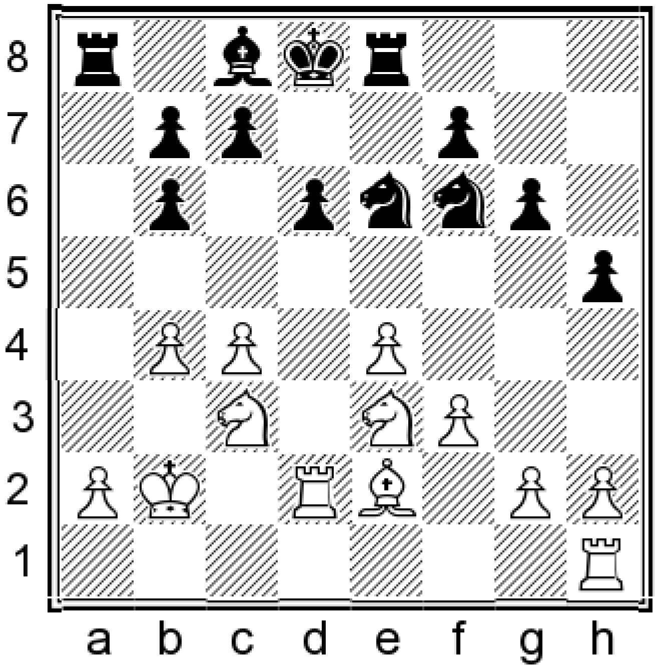
due to 25.♖h8 ♔e7 26.♘cd5 ♔e6 27.♖e8#]

17.♖ad1 ♘ed7?!

[The better try was 17...c6!? 18.♔c2 ♔c7. This would eventually bring the black king to a safe haven, at the same time allowing coordination between his rooks. Despite the fact that the white rooks can now restrain the d6-pawn, Black has quite a defensible position, although one that is somewhat passive.]

18.♔c2 Now, once the game is opened up, Black's king will feel very uncomfortable in the centre.

18...♖e8 19.♖d2 ♘c5 20.b4 ♘e6 21.♔b2



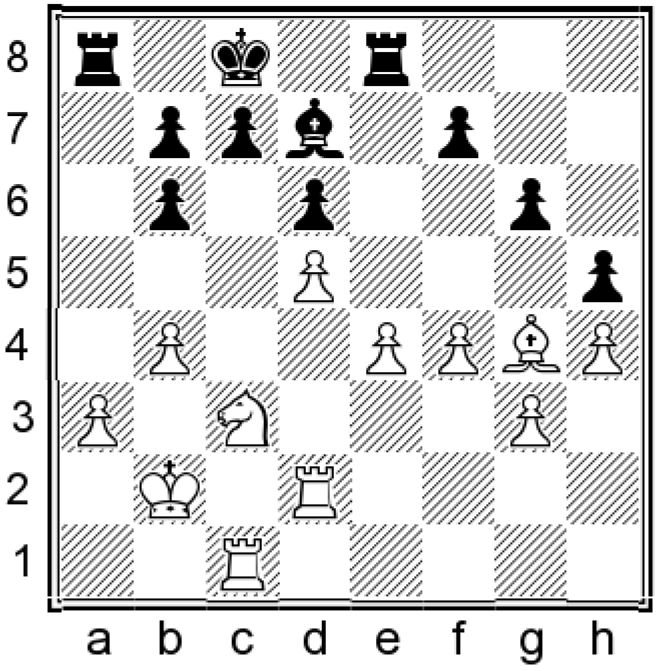
21...♗d7
[Black is not in time to keep the kingside closed with his knights in case of 21...♘f4 22.♗d1 h4, since his king position is vulnerable to attack after 23.c5! bc5 24.bc5 ♖a6 25.♗b3 ♗e6 26.♖hd1]

22.♖hd1 ♔c8
[And again, 22...♘f4 23.♗f1 h4 fails to 24.c5! bc5 25.bc5 when if 25...dc5? 26.♘g4 ♘4h5 27.e5 is winning for White.]

23.h4 Now the black knights lack space on the kingside, so they will just have to wait.

23...♘d8 24.♖c1 ♘c6 25.a3 ♘e5 26.g3 ♘c6
[Rather forcing events, although after 26...♔b8 27.♘ed5 ♘d5 28.cd5 Black remains with a very difficult position.]

27.♘ed5 ♘d5 28.cd5 ♘e5 29.f4 ♘g4 30.♗g4



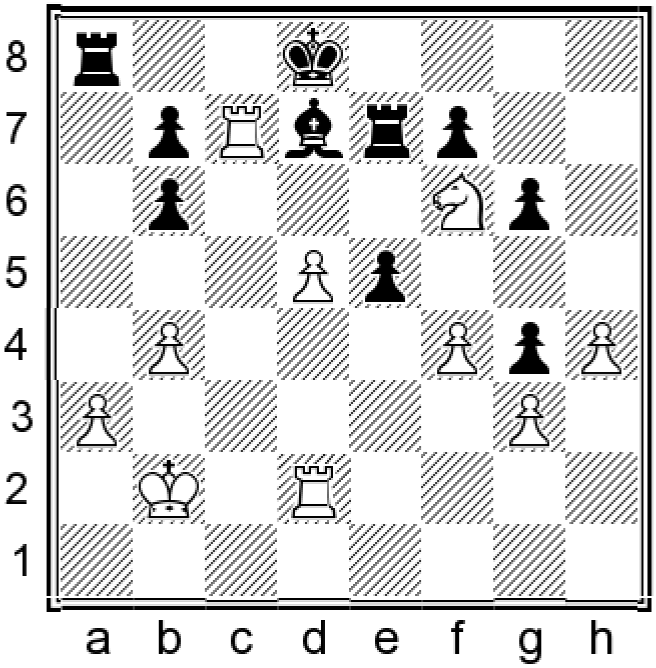
30...hg4
[30...♗g4 loses material on the spot after 31.♘b5 ♖e7 32.♘d6 ♔d8 33.♘b7 ♔c8 34.♘d6 ♔d8 35.♘c4 ♖e4 36.d6 winning.]

31.e5! ♔d8
[After 31...de5 32.♘e4 ef4 33.♘d6 ♔d8 34.♘e8 ♗e8 35.♖d4 fg3 36.♖g4 White obtains a technically won position.]

32.♘e4 de5
[In case of 32...♗f5 Black fails to hold after 33.♘f6 ♖e7 34.♖h1! de5 35.h5 with a decisive invasion on the h-file.]

33.♘f6 ♖e7
[After 33...ef4 34.♘e8 we arrive at the same line as after 31...de5.]

34.♖c7



34...♗f5
[34...♔c7 loses after 35.d6 ♔d8 36.de7 ♔e7 37.♘d5! ♔f8 38.♘b6;
or if 34...ef4 35.d6]

35.♖e7 ♔e7 36.fe5 ♖c8 37.♖f2
[Black resigned since after 37...♗d3 38.♘g4 he loses a second pawn, or else if 37...b5 38.h5 ♖h8 39.h6 and Black cannot capture 39...♖h6 because of 40.♘g8]
1 : 0 Rublevsky

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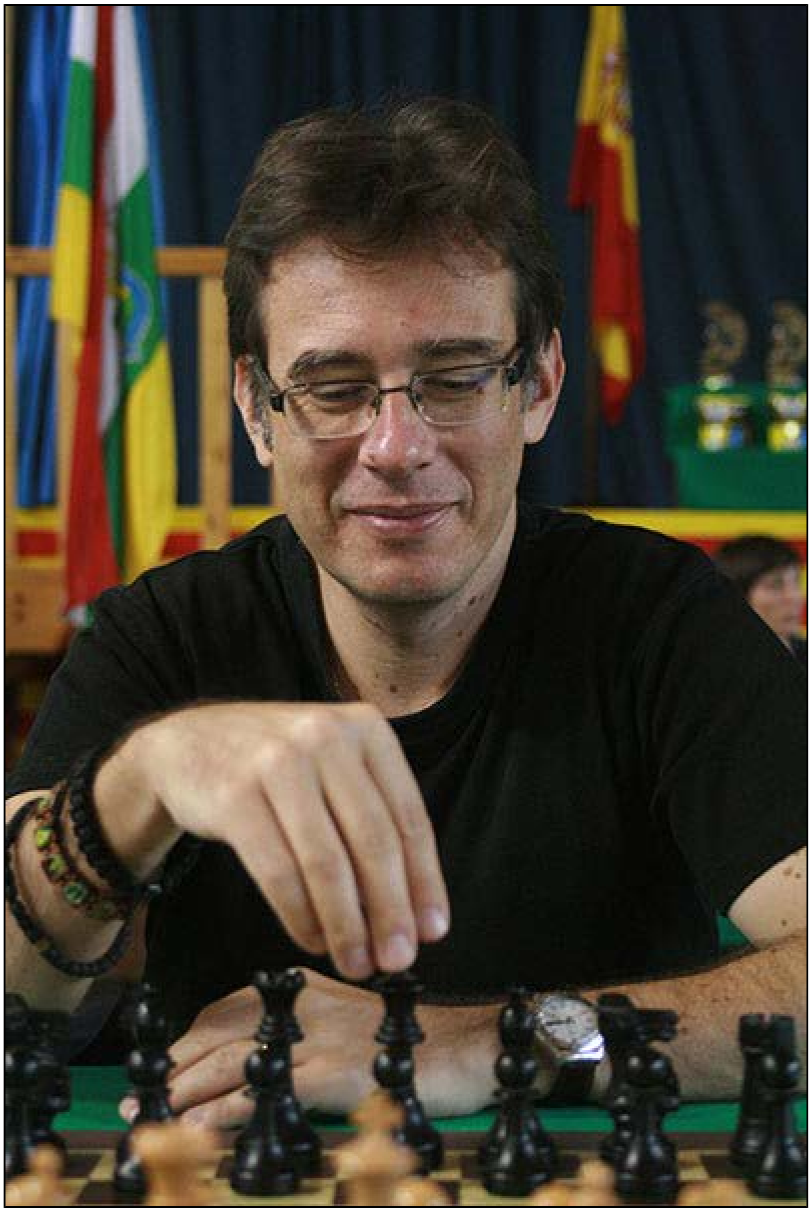
When talking about about Chess Informant's 50th anniversary I could not help wondering about the reasons why certain brands (e.g. cars, perfumes or chess publishing) maintain their position right at the top for many decades.

Back in 1966, Chess Informant was an innovative publication which, together with its big brothers, the Encylopaedia of Chess Openings and the Encyclopaedia of Chess Endings, grew into a kind of chess player's bible in the '70s and the '80s. But after computers stepped into the arena, the Informant had to face fierce competition.

It is refreshing to see that in an epoch where many people no longer read books (and not only those on chess), the new face that Informant has been showing us over the past few years makes it look again like an alluring jewel.

However, this article is not meant to focus on the longevity of publishing houses. It will try to answer the initial question of the above mentioned principle, as applied to the greatest players of their time. If my argument is sufficiently convincing, then by simply drawing a parallel it could also explain why Chess Informant has maintained its success for so long.

I will start, as usual, with two games played shortly before I wrote these lines.



OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLES

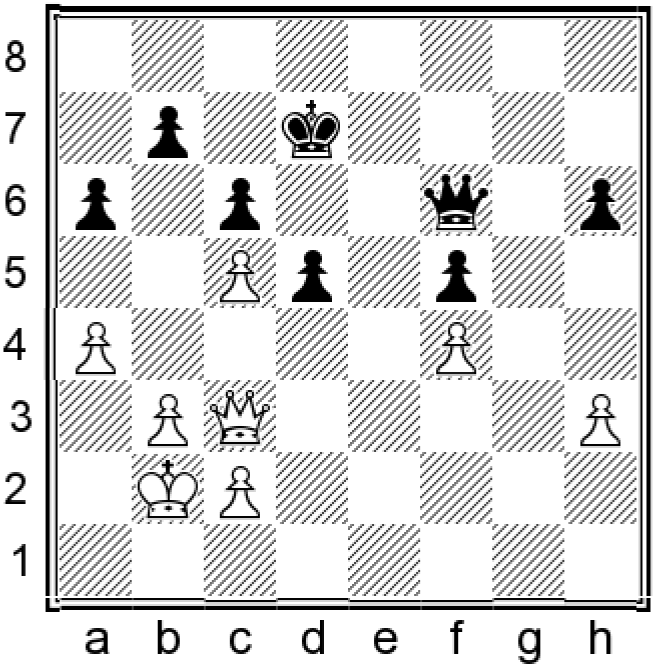
C42

Carlsen 2844 — Hou Yifan 2673
Wijk aan Zee 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘e5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘e4 5.♘c3 ♘c3 6.dc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 ♗e6 9.0-0-0 ♕d7 10.b3 ♗f6 11.h3 0-0-0 12.g4 h6 13.♗g2 ♔b8 14.♖he1N
[RR 14.♖de1 Dominguez Perez 2736 – Vazquez Igarza 2581, Spain 2015 – 125/(91)]

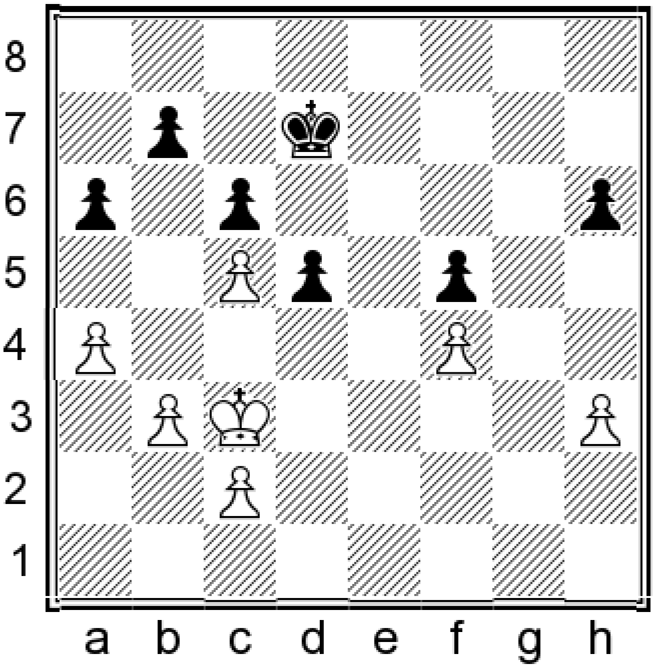
14...♖he8 15.♔b2 a6 16.♖e2 ♕e7 17.♖de1 ♕f8 18.♘d4 ♘d4 19.♗d4 ♗d4 20.♕d4 ♗d7 21.f4 ♖e2 22.♖e2 ♖e8 23.♖e8 ♗e8 24.♕b4 c6 25.♗f1 ♔c8 26.g5 ♕e7 27.gh6 gh6 28.♕d4 f6 29.♕a7 ♗d7 30.a4 ♕d8 31.♕g1 ♕e7 32.♕g6 ♕e1 33.♗d3 ♕h4 34.♗f5 ♗f5 35.♕f5 ♔b8 36.c4 ♔c7 37.♕a5 ♔c8 38.♕d2 ♔d7 39.c5 d5 40.♕e3 ♕h5 41.♕g3 ♕f7 42.♕g4
[White is not in time for 42.f5 ♕e7 43.♕b8? ♕e5 when Black has a won pawn endgame.]

42...f5 43.♕g3 ♕f6 44.♕c3



44...♕c3?!
I remember that while watching the game live I was more or less convinced that Carlsen would trick his opponent in one way or another, but even so I was completely surprised by Hou Yifan’s decision.

Unlike most other endgames, those with pawns do not offer winning or saving chances, they are either won or drawn. But calculating them concretely is far from easy and the smallest oversight can easily result in disappointment.
Objectively the position is still drawn, but before exchanging queens Hou Yifan should have been absolutely sure her fortress would hold.
[She probably rejected 44...d4 fearing that her central pawn would become weak, but it is easy to establish that White has no way of attacking it. For instance: 45.♕d3 ♔c7 46.b4 h5 47.♔b3 ♕e6;
44...♕e7 was also safe as after 45.♕h8 (If 45.b4 ♕e4 with perfect centralisation.) 45...♕c5 46.♕g7 ♔c8 47.♕h6 ♕d4 and the exposed nature of the white king makes a draw very probable.]
45.♔c3



45...h5??
During the game I eventually convinced myself that Hou Yifan had calculated all the consequences of the absolutely forced 45...a5, preventing the invasion of the white king. This is the kind of move on which Korchnoi would make the comment: “If it loses, bad luck, but you have to play it anyway!”
[White’s only constructive idea is 46.b4

A) It is obvious that Black should best ignore the queenside tension so as not to clear a path for the king. A sample line goes 46...h5 47.h4 (47.ba5 h4 is similar to the main line.) 47...♔e7 48.ba5 ♔d7! (The only good move, keeping both wings under control. 48...♔e6 49.a6! ba6 50.♔b4 clears the path for the a-pawn, while after 48...♔d8 49.♔d4 Black is not in time for ...Ke6.) 49.♔b4 Unfortunately, White does not have a spare tempo to place Black in zugzwang. If at some later moment he plays c2-c3, the king would no longer have easy access to travel from one wing to the other. Now 49...♔c7 or 49...Kc8 is a simple draw.

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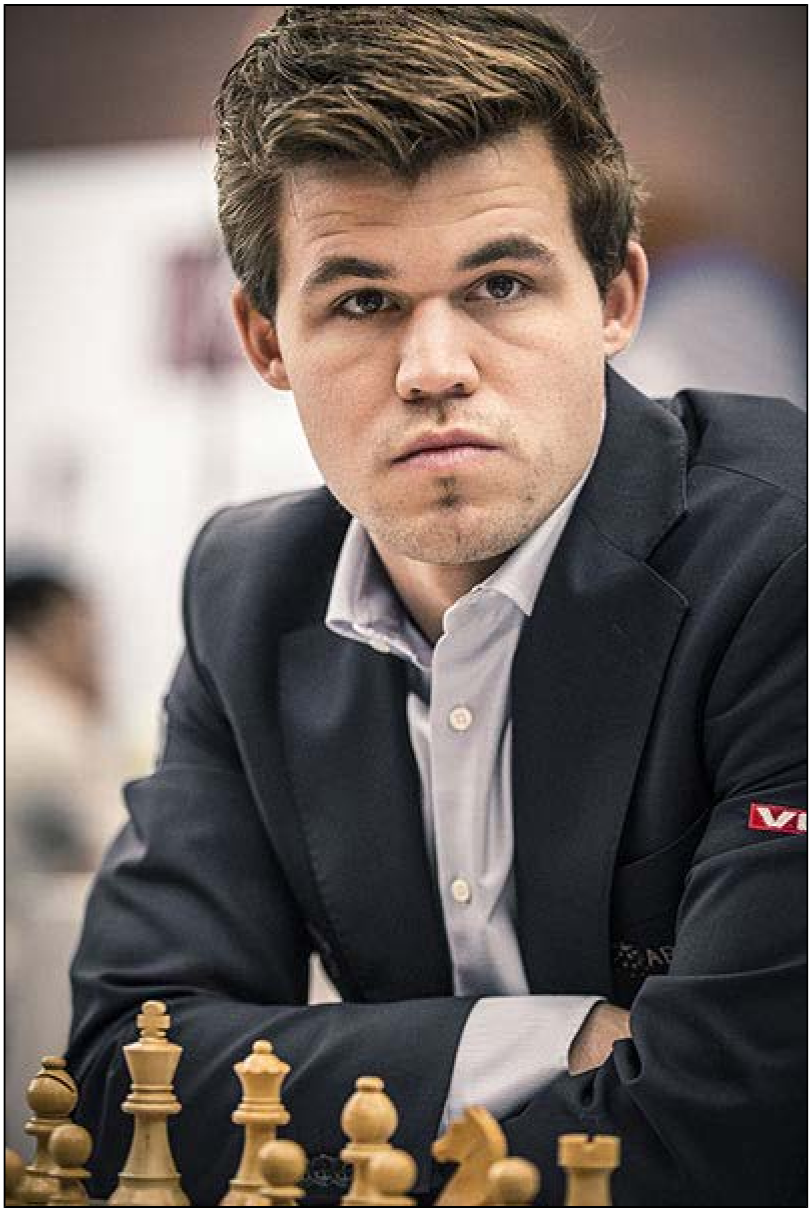
I have examined this slightly inferior line in order to exemplify the complexity of pawn endings, indicating Black’s 44th move as a serious psychological mistake. But this has less to do with the 45th move which is simply inexplicable;

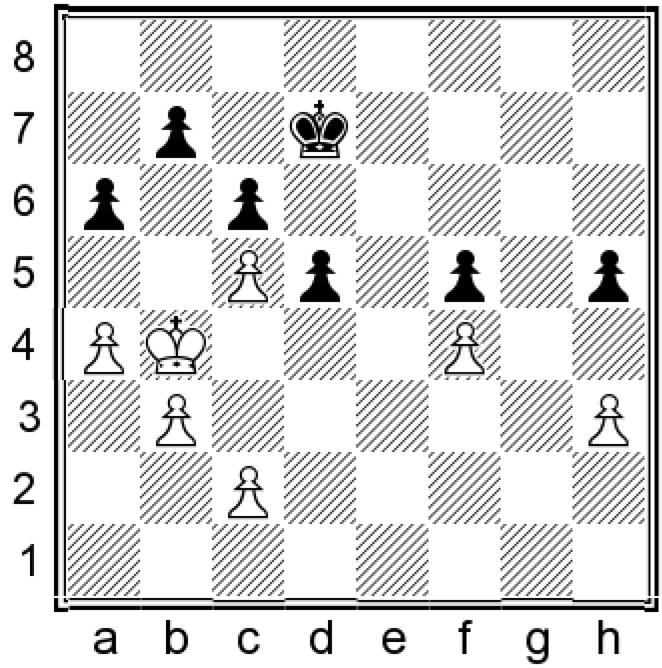
Magnus Carlsen, Qatar 2016. Photo by David Llada

B) I also thought 46...ab4 47.♔b4 would be winning, but analysis shows that White could at most reach a queen ending with just a few chances: 47...♔d8! (Once again Black has to defend with only moves. If 47...♔c8 48.♔c3 ♔d7 49.♔d4 ♔e6 50.a5 h5 51.h4 ♔f6 and the black king is suddenly too far away from the queenside: 52.♔c3 ♔e6 53.♔b4 ♔d7 54.a6 ba6 55.♔a5+–) 48.♔a5 (The same manoeuvre as in the



previous line does not win: 48.♔c3 ♔e7 49.♔d4 ♔f6! 50.h4 h5 51.a5 ♔e6 A familiar position but this time it is White's turn to move, thus placing him in zugzwang.) 48...♔c7 49.c3 The reserve tempo. 49...h5 50.h4 ♔c8 51.♔b6 ♔b8 52.a5 ♔a8 53.♔c7 The only try. (I confess that I had overlooked that after 53.a6 Black can save the game with a well-known trick: 53...♔b8! 54.ab7 d4 55.cd4 stalemate!) 53...♔a7 54.♔d6 ♔a6 55.♔e6 ♔b5 56.♔f5 ♔c4 57.♔g6 ♔c3 58.f5 d4 59.f6 d3 60.f7 d2 61.f8=♕ d1=♕ 62.♕h8 ♔b4 63.♕h5 and Black has every reason to retain hopes of holding this ending. Her pawns are not worth much when it comes to a race, but the queenside structure protects the king from counter-checks, making the promotion of the h-pawn virtually impossible.]

46.♔b4+–



46...♔c8

[Black's counterplay is too slow after 46...d4 47.♔a5 ♔e6 48.♔b6 ♔d5 49.♔b7 a5 50.♔b6 ♔e4 51.♔c6 ♔f4 52.♔b5 ♔g3 53.c6]

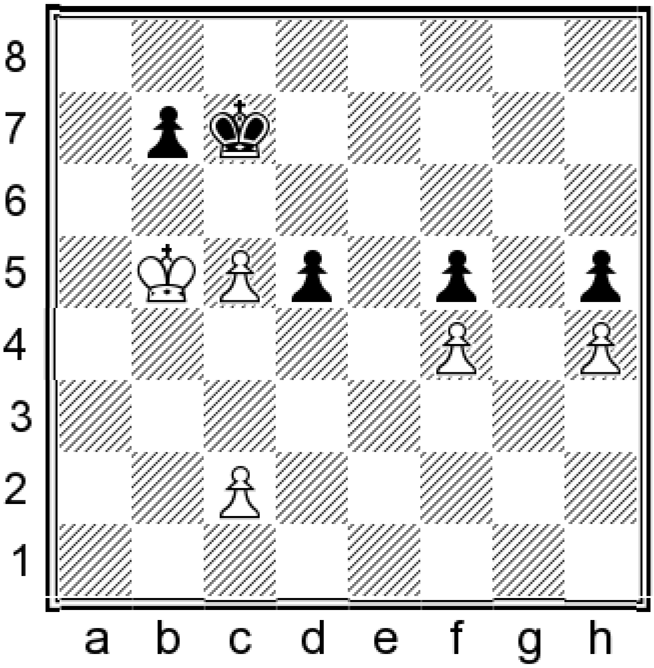
47.♔a5 ♔c7 48.h4

Black cannot defend the b6-square for very long as White has two spare tempi with pawn moves.

48...♔b8 49.♔b6 ♔c8 50.b4 ♔b8 51.b5

The classical break, clearing the king's path towards the main target: the d5-pawn.

51...cb5 52.ab5 ab5 53.♔b5 ♔c7



54.c3

A few days after this game was played, I had the honour of visiting Lajos Portisch at his home for an interview on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

[Portisch mentioned that Black resigned without waiting to get mated after 54...♔b8 55.♔b6 ♔c8 56.c6 ♔b8 57.cb7 d4 58.c4! (58.cd4 leads to a familiar stalemate.) 58...d3 59.c5 d2 60.c6 d1=♕ 61.c7 which is quite an instructive line, of course. But White's win does not hang by just one tempo, since 57.Kc5 wins the d5-pawn.]

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It would be unfair to leave the gentle sex at a disadvantage after the unfortunate result in the previous game.

The next game, won by a former Women World Champion, came to my aid only a few hours before I finished the article.

A11
Stefanova 2509 — Pogonina 2454
Tehran 2016

Things didn't go well for Stefanova in the first part of the tournament, with a great deal of time trouble, several losses and no wins at all. Up to the eighth round, when this game took place, the fate of the tournament had been much brighter for Pogonina, a former runner up in the Women's World Championship, who at that moment shared the lead. But true champions never give up the fight and even though technically off form, Stefanova managed to put her opponent under serious pressure throughout the entire middlegame.

Antoaneta Stefanova. Photo by Alina l'Ami

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 ♗g7 4.♗b2 d5 5.c4 c6 6.♗g2 0-0 7.0-0 ♗f5 8.d3 ♕c8

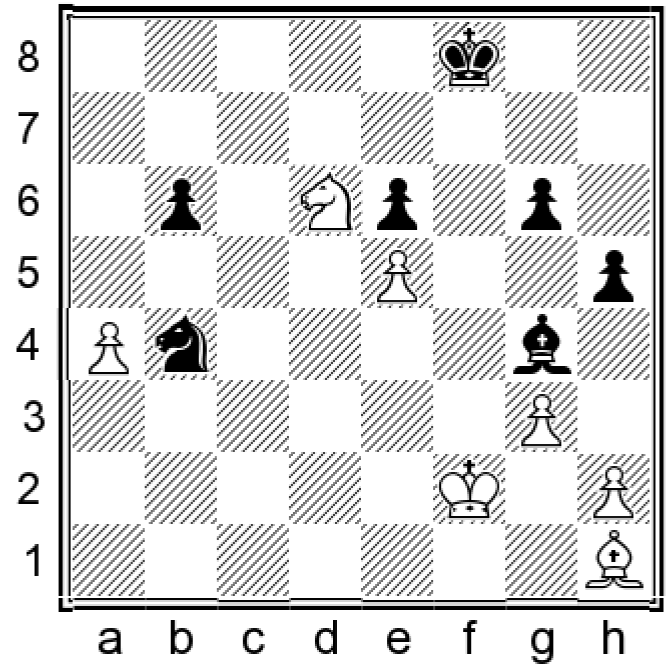
[RR 8...♘a6 Calvo Minguez 2465 – R. Byrne 2580, Montilla 1977 – 24/21; 8...a5!? 9.♘c3 ♘a6 10.♖c1 ♗h6!=]

9.♖e1 ♖d8 10.♘bd2 ♗h3 11.♗h1 h6 12.♖c1 e6 13.♖c2!
The start of a regrouping manoeuvre known in this type of position ever since the game Reti – Lasker, New York 1924.

13...♕d7N
[13...♘bd7 Marques Taltavull 2134 – Anguera Maestro 2090, Spain 2015]

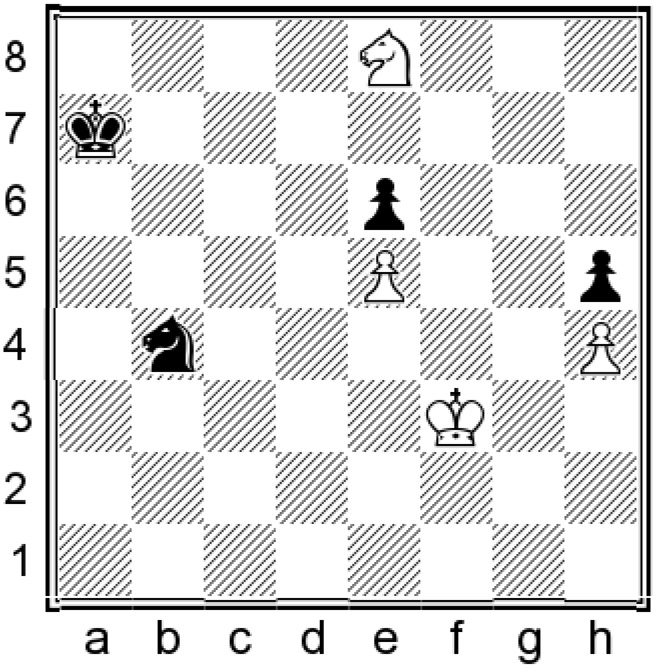
14.♕a1 ♕e7 15.cd5 cd5 16.♖ec1 ♘c6 17.♘e5 ♘e5 18.♗e5± ♘e8 19.♗g7 ♘g7 20.♘f3 ♘e8 21.♕d4 ♘d6 22.♘e5
[22.♗g2 ♗g2 23.♔g2 ♖dc8 24.e4±]

22...h5 23.f4 ♖dc8 24.♕b4 ♖c2 25.♖c2 ♖c8 26.♖c8 ♘c8 27.♕e7 ♘e7 28.♔f2 f6= 29.♘f3 ♗g4 30.♘d4 a6 31.b4 ♔f7 32.b5 ab5 33.♘b5 b6 34.♘d6 ♔f8 35.e4 de4 36.de4 ♘c6? 37.e5! ♘b4 38.a3 ♘c2 39.a4 fe5 40.fe5 ♘b4



41.♘c4+– ♔e7 42.♘b6 ♔d8 43.♔e3 g5 44.h4 gh4 45.gh4 ♔c7 46.a5 ♘c2 47.♔f2 ♘d4 48.♘c4 ♔b8 49.♘d6
[49.♘e3! ♗e2 50.♘c2!+–]

49...♔a7 50.♗b7 ♘b3 51.a6
[51.♗f3! ♗f3 52.♔f3 ♘a5 53.♔f4 ♘c6 54.♘f7+–]
51...♘c5 52.♘c8 ♔b8 53.♘d6 ♔a7 54.♔e3 ♘a6 55.♗f3 ♗f3 56.♔f3 ♘b4 57.♘e8!?
[Δ♘g7, ×h5, e6]



57...♘d3?!

This need not lose, but surely makes things more complicated for Black.

[The knight should head for g6, when White would not be able to defend both her pawns. The simplest way of achieving that was 57...♘d5 58.♘g7 ♘e7 59.♘h5 ♘g6 60.♔g3 ♘e5 and the h-pawn is not dangerous: 61.♘f4 ♔b6 62.h5 ♔c6 63.h6 ♘f7 64.h7 ♔d6=;

Black could also start by approaching with the king, followed by the same plan: 57...♔b6 58.♘g7 ♘c6 59.♔e4 ♘e7=]

58.♔e4 ♘e1?

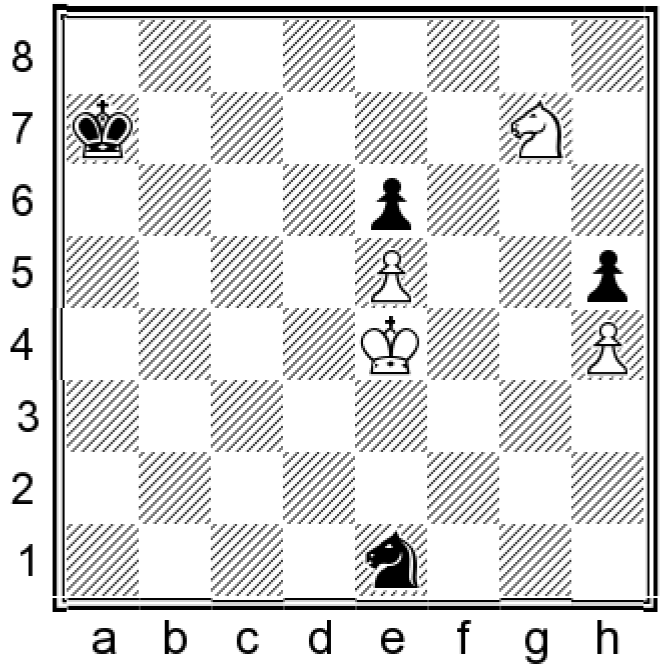
Pogonina was also getting into time trouble and hurried with her knight along the shortest path leading to the h4-pawn. White has no way of effectively defending it, but as will be revealed shortly she doesn't need to!

[58...♘c5! 59.♔e3 (59.♔f4 ♘d3; 59.♔d4 ♘d7) 59...♔b6 60.♘f6 ♔c6=]

59.♔f4?

Though repetition of moves did achieve the aim of gaining time on the clock, it also actually offered the opponent a second chance to find the right path.

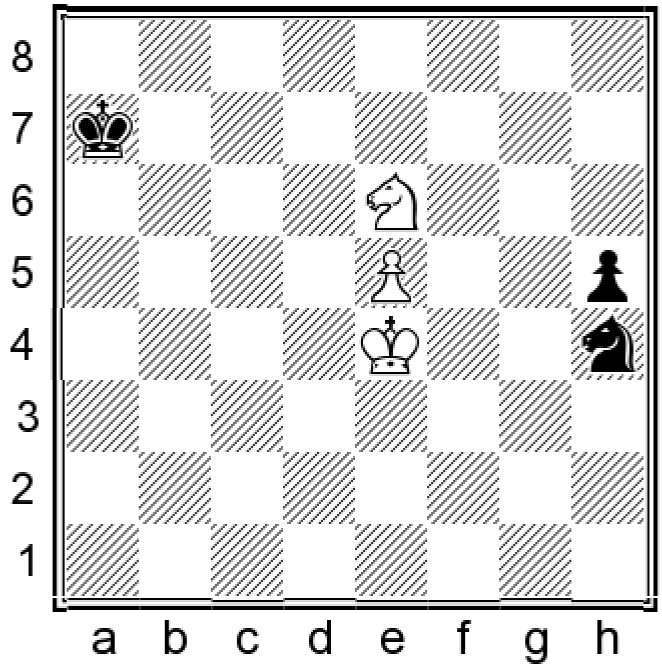
59...♘d3 60.♔e4 ♘e1? 61.♘g7!



61...♘g2

[61...♔b6 does not change much: 62.♘e6 ♔c6 Dominated by the knight, the king has only one way to approach the kingside. It would be perfect if it could follow the c7-d8 route, avoiding the check given in the next comment, but this is illegal. 63.♘f4 ♔c7 (The king cannot approach with 63...♔d7 due to 64.♘h5 ♘g2 65.♘f6 retaining both extra pawns.) 64.e6 ♔d6 65.♔f5 ♘f3 66.♔f6 ♘h4 67.e7 ♔d7 68.♔f7+–]

62.♘e6 ♘h4



63.♘f8!!

A fantastic square for the knight, preventing not only ...♘g6 but also, a few moves later, ...Kd7.

63...♔b7 64.e6

[If 64...♔c7 65.e7 the pawn promotes.]

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There is an almost unanimous opinion that, in chess as in other fields, the beginning of the third Millennium features an explosion of information that is without precedent.

To me, this seems a bit exaggerated. I remember that as a kid I found similar statements in many of the opening monographs of the ’80s, the ’70s and even of the ’50s. Believe it or not, a similar informatics explosion is described in the introduction of the first edition of Bilguer’s Handbuch, the Chess Encyclopaedia of the 19th century.

There is nothing really new in life or in chess. In every game, there comes a moment when a novelty inevitably pops up, but one cannot be sure that the idea behind it has not been played before.

In this column, I will try to highlight the way in which certain strategic and tactical ideas have maintained their actuality over the decades and sometimes centuries. I invite you to re-discover with me some long forgotten chess from the past.

Marin

The main message of this game is that champions may sometimes fail in simple positions, but often prove their strength when the situation is really demanding...

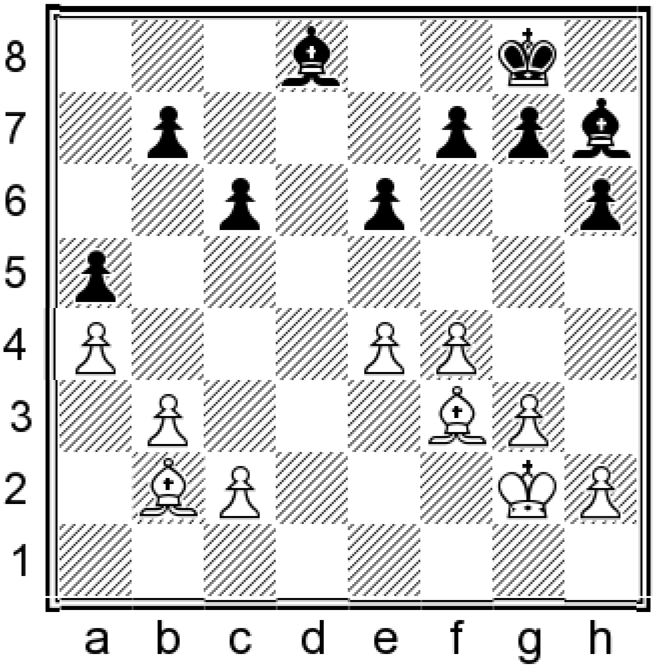
The time has now come for journey into the past, all the way back to when the first Chess Informant was published. Then the comments consisted of just a few evaluation signs followed later by a couple of one- or two-move variations. When examining the next game I have mostly referred to Polugaevsky’s comments in the introduction to the Russian edition of Larsen’s 50 Best Games.

A07
Larsen — Polugaevsky
Le Havre 1/17, 1966

Larsen never qualified for a World Championship match but in the ’60s obtained such great successes in tournaments that he was repeatedly awarded the annual Chess Oscar.

Polugaevsky writes that the media mainly remarked on his tactical ability and original strategic thinking. However, in his opinion, Larsen’s endgame technique, combined with his usual courage and recklessness, was an equally prominent trait, and he gave the endgame of this game as an example.

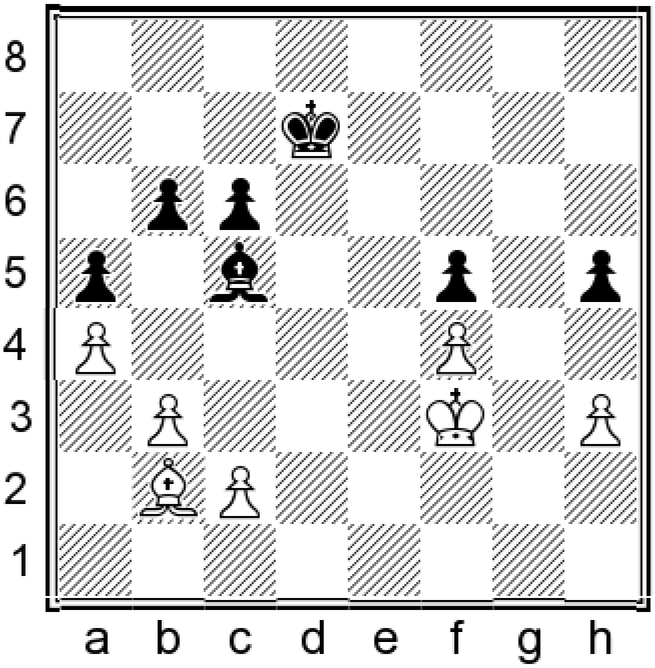
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 d5 3.♗g2 c6 4.0-0 ♗f5 5.b3 e6 6.♗b2 h6 7.d3 ♗e7 8.e3 ♗h7 9.♕e2 a5 10.a4 ♘a6 11.♘c3 ♘c5 12.♘e5 0-0± 13.f4 ♘fd7 14.♘d7 ♕d7 15.e4 de4 16.♘e4 ♘e4 17.de4 ♖fd8= 18.♖ad1 ♕c7 19.♔h1 ♖d1 20.♖d1 ♖d8 21.♗f3 ♖d1 22.♕d1 ♕d8 23.♕d8 ♗d8= 24.♔g2



24...g5?! 25.h3 ♔f8 26.♔f2 gf4 27.gf4 f6 28.♔e3 ♗g6 29.♗d4 ♔e7 30.♗c5 ♔d7 31.♗f8 ♗b6 32.♔d3 h5± 33.♗a3 ♗c7 34.♗c1 ♔d6 35.♗b2 ♔e7 36.♔e3 ♗b6 37.♗d4 ♗c7 38.♗c5 ♔d7 39.♗e2 b6 40.♗a3 ♗d6 41.♗b2 ♗c5 42.♔f3 f5 43.♗d3

[43.e5 looks risky due to 43...h4 but White can defend with 44.♔g2! (44.♗d3? ♗h5 45.♔g2 ♗e3 –+) 44...♗e3 45.♔f3 ♗d2 46.♗d4! ♔c7 47.♗e3= Marin]

43...fe4 44.♗e4 ♗f5 45.♗f5 ef5



46.♔g3

[Polugaevsky’s first concern was about 46.♗f6

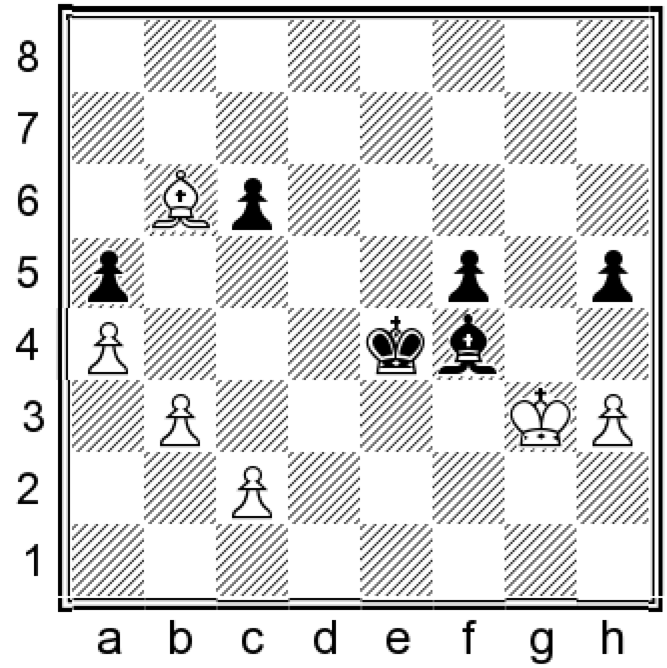
A) 46...♔e6 47.♗g5 ♗b4 (47...♔d5 48.♗d8 ♔d4 49.♗f6 ♔d5 loses a tempo for Black, even though it is not clear if White can exploit it.) 48.♗d8 b5 49.♔e3 intending ♘d3, c2-c3 Polugaevsky;

B) Eventually he found a satisfactory defence. 46...♗e7! 47.♗g5 ♗b4]

46...♗e7 47.♗g7 ♔e6 48.♗h6 ♔d5 (? RR – not right, Marin)
[48...♔f7 49.♗g5 ♗c5 50.♔h4 ♔g6=]

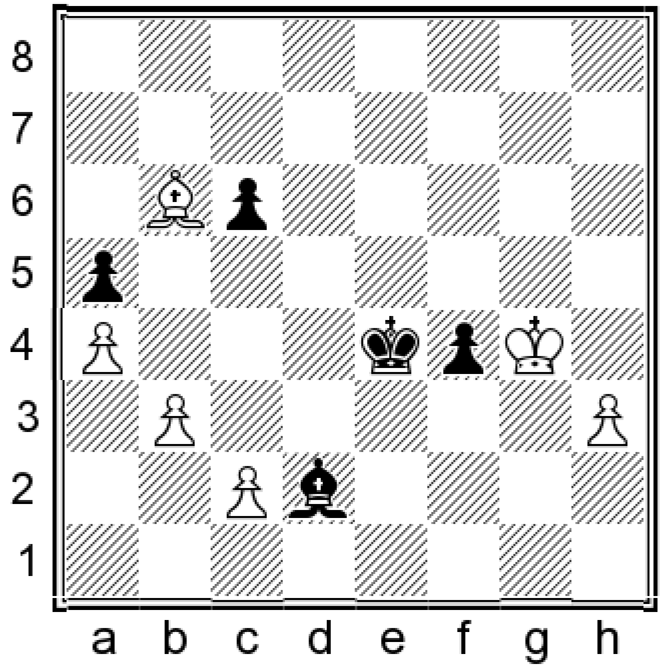
49.♗g5 ♗d6
[49...♗c5 50.♔h4 ♔d4? (50...♔e4 51.♔h5 ♗e3 52.h4 ♗f4 53.♗f4 ♔f4 54.♔g6 ♔e4□ 55.h5 f4 56.h6 f3 57.h7 f2 58.h8=♕ f1=♕ 59.♕e8 ♔d5= Marin) 51.♔h5 ♔c3 (= Larsen) 52.♔g6+– Polugaevsky]

50.♗d8 ♔e4 51.♗b6 ♗f4



52.♔h4 (+– RR) **52...♗d2 53.♔h5 f4** (? +– Polugaevsky)
[Polugaevsky recommends 53...♔f3 “not allowing the white king to turn back”. 54.h4 f4 55.♔g6 (Actually 55.♔g5 is safer, but only if White notices the saving resource on move 58. 55...♗e3 56.♗a5 ♔e2 57.♔g4 f3 58.♗e1!!= ♗f2 59.♗f2 ♔f2 60.a5 ♔e3 61.a6 f2 62.a7 f1♕ 63.a8♕ ♕f4= Marin) 55...♗e3 56.♗a5? ♔e2 57.♗c7 f3 58.♗g3 ♗f4 –+ Polugaevsky. But how can he refrain from advancing the f-pawn, which seems to be on the way to winning the race against its h-colleague?]

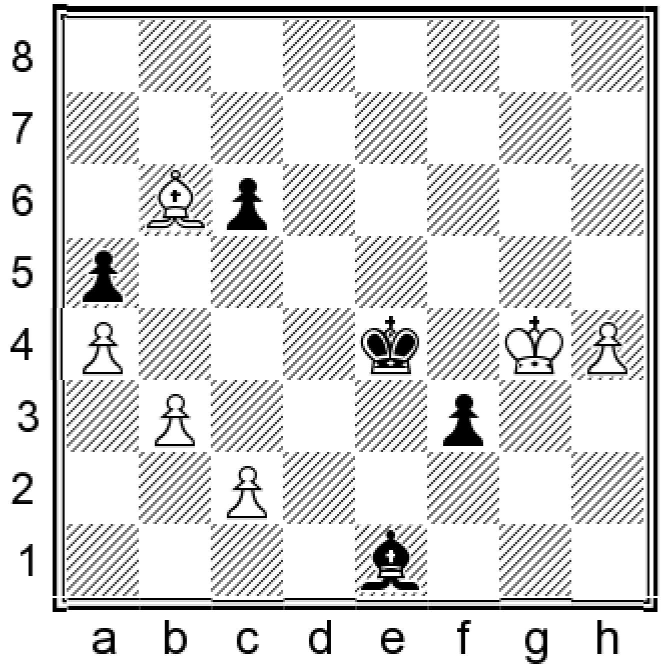
54.♔g4!



54...♗e1? Only this is the decisive mistake.
[54...♗e3? 55.♗a5+–;
54...c5! is correct, deflecting the bishop from its attack on the important a-pawn. 55.♗c5 55.h4 f3 56.♔g3 ♔e3 57.♗c5 ♔e2 58.h5 ♗e3 59.♗e3 ♔e3 60.h6 f2 61.h7 f1=♕ 62.h8=♕ ♕g1 63.♔h4 ♕h2) 55...♗e3 56.♗e7 f3 57.♔g3 ♗d4 58.♗g5 ♗e3 59.♗e7= Marin;
54...♗b4! 55.h4 c5 56.c3 ♗c3 57.♗c5 ♗e1 58.h5 f3 59.♔h3!! (59.h6 f2 60.♗f2 ♗f2 61.h7 ♗d4 62.b4 ab4 63.a5 ♔d5 –+) 59...♔d3 60.h6 f2 61.♗f2 ♗f2 62.h7 ♗d4 63.b4 ab4 64.a5 b3 65.a6 b2 66.a7 b1=♕ 67.a8=♕= Marin]

55.h4 (!! Polugaevsky)
White not only embarks on the race, but also clears the h3-square for his king.

55...f3



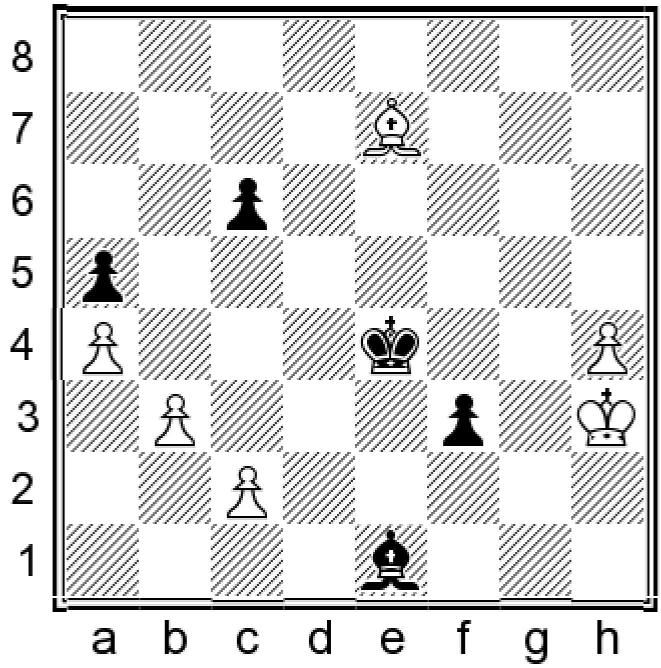
56.♔h3!

White’s bishop is very strong. It keeps its colleague busy defending a5 and prevents the advance of the king via the e3 square. The final phase may not be perfect, but it is nevertheless highly instructive.

56...♔f4
[56...f2? 57.♔g2 –+ Marin]

57.♗c5 ♔f5 58.♗e7
[58.b4 ab4 59.♗b6!! (59.a5? b3!) 59...♔e6 60.a5+– Marin]

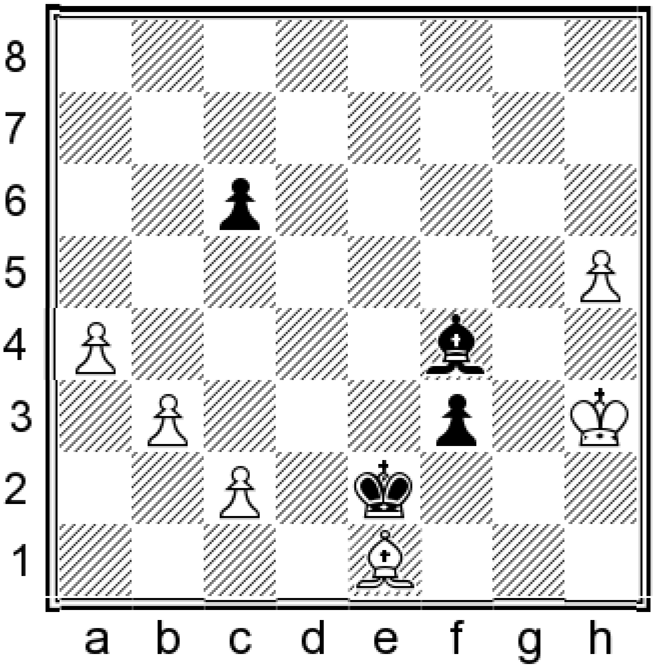
58...♔e4



59.h5?
[59.♗g5! ♔d4⇄ Polugaevsky 60.h5! ♔c3 61.h6 ♔c2 62.h7! (62.♗f6 ♔d3! –+) 62...♗c3 63.♔g3 ♔b3 64.♔f3 c5 65.♔e4 c4 66.♗f4+– Marin]

59...♗d2 60.♗c5 ♗e3 61.♗f8 ♗d4 62.♗h6 (! Polugaevsky)
[62.h6 ♔e3 63.♗g7 ♗c5! –+ (63...♗g7 64.hg7 f2= Polugaevsky) 64.h7 f2 65.♔g2 ♔e2 Marin]
62...♗e5?
[62...♗e3 63.♗g7 (+– Polugaevsky) 63...♗c5= 64.h6? ♔e3!! 65.h7 f2 66.h8=♕ f1=♕ 67.♔g4 ♕f4 68.♔h5 ♕f5 69.♔h6 ♔d2 –+ Marin]

63.♗d2+– ♗f4 64.♗a5 ♔e3 65.♗e1! ♔e2



66.♔g4!!

We have reached a similar construction to the one mentioned in the comments to move 53, with the difference that the a5-pawn is missing. Black's bishop cannot guard both rook pawns.

66...♗h6

[66...♔e1 67.♔f3 ♗h6 68.a5+– Marin]

67.♗h4 ♗d2 68.♗g3 c5 69.c4 f2 70.♗f2 ♔f2 71.h6 ♔e3

[71...♗h6 72.a5+– Marin]

72.h7 ♗c3 73.a5
1 : 0 Marin

Larsen's win in this remarkable game was made possible by pulling his opponent over a precipice into a mutual balancing act and from a position where many other players would simply have agreed a draw. Optimism, will power, imagination are just a few ingredients of success displayed in this fragment.

One may argue that this is not a very scientific approach to chess, but analysis proves Larsen never crossed the border of acceptable risk. But if we speak about chess and science, spicing them up with a bit of psychology, there is no better example than the next game.

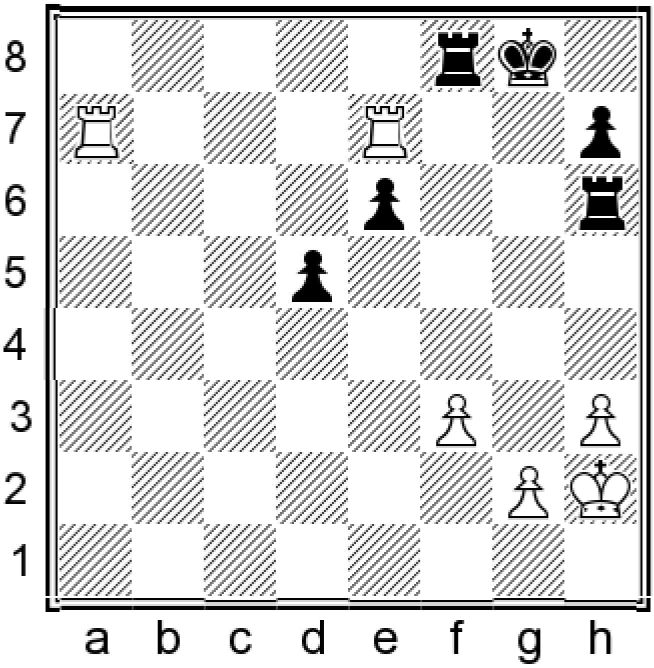
B14
Botvinnik — Pomar
Munich (ol) 1958

This game was played in the 6th round of the A-Final of the Munich Olympiad, when the Soviet Union was tying for first with the strong Yugoslav team. After a reasonable +2 on the top board in the first qualifying group, Botvinnik had so far scored only a modest 50% in the final. These were enough reasons to consider the result of this game crucial.

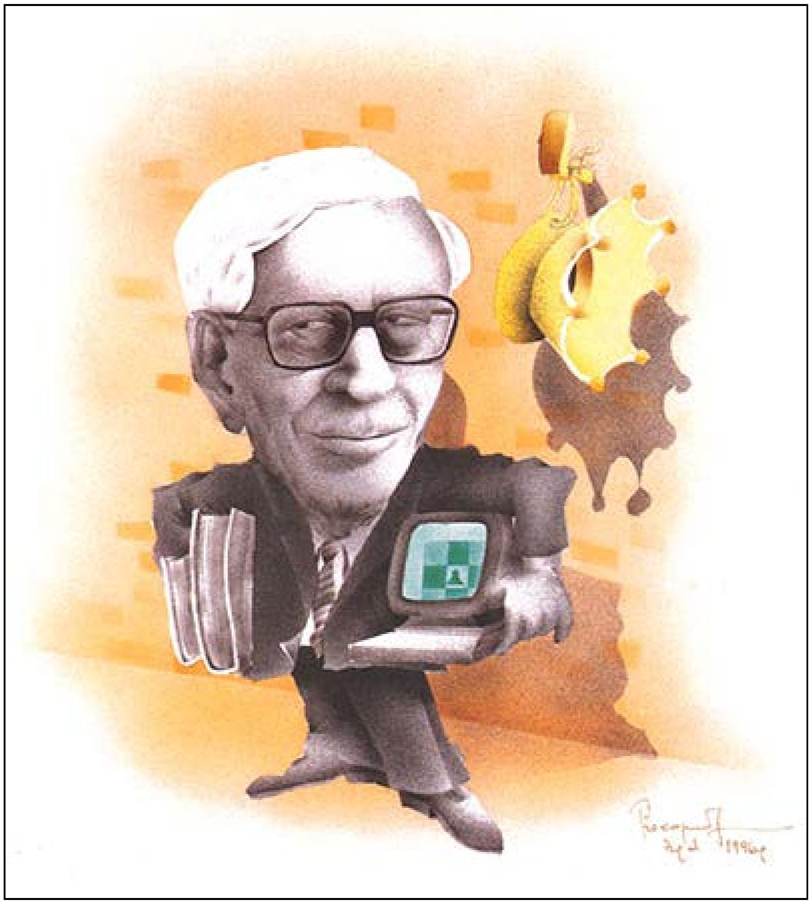
1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.ed5 cd5 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘f3 ♗e7 7.c5 0-0 8.♗d3 b6 9.b4 a5 10.♘a4 ♘fd7 11.b5 bc5 12.dc5 e5 13.c6 e4 14.cd7 ♘d7 15.0-0 ef3 16.♕f3 ♘e5 17.♕g3 ♘d3 18.♕d3 ♗d6 19.♗a3 ♖b8 20.♗d6 ♕d6 21.♖fd1 ♗e6 22.♘c3 ♕a3 23.♖ab1 ♖fc8 24.♖b3 ♕c5 25.♘e2 ♕c2 26.♘d4 ♕a2 27.♖a3 ♕c4 28.♕e3 ♖e8

"At this moment, apparently taking into account White's time trouble, I was offered a draw. However, the play continued..." – Botvinnik.

29.♕d2 ♗d7 30.♖a5 ♗b5 31.h3 ♗d7 32.♖a7 ♗e6 33.♖c1 ♕b4 34.♕b4 ♖b4 35.♘e6 fe6 36.♖cc7 ♖h4 37.♖g7 ♔h8 38.♔h2 ♖f8 39.♖ge7 ♖h6 40.f3 ♔g8



41.♖ad7

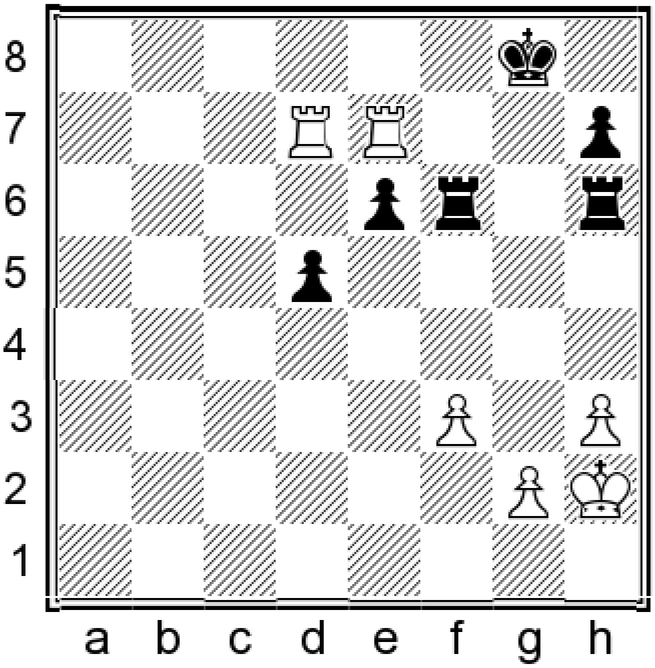


Mikhail Botvinnik, Cartoon by Jovan Prokopljevic

It seems that White has a huge advantage but joint analysis proved that Black's defence would be hard to break if he limited himself to the waiting moves ...♖f8-f6-f8. Botvinnik mainly tried to find ways to place his opponent in zugzwang, but he achieved that only in some cooperative lines. The hectic nocturnal analysis did not produce any forced winning plan, so Botvinnik figured out a little psychological game, which was approved by the "team council" next morning before the game was resumed. The first phase consisted of playing neutral moves, as if he hadn't any concrete plan in mind, but designed to reduce the opponent's alertness. In the second phase he would create a false *zugzwang*, placing Black, psychologically, against the wall. If this was not crowned by success, he would finally switch to the third plan, based on exchanging one rook and invading with the king, even though this was also bound to lead to a draw against the best defence.

Can you figure out a more scientific approach than that?! But having played the whole game rather well, Pomar was no longer able to withstand the pressure and stumbled as early as the second phase.

41...♖ff6



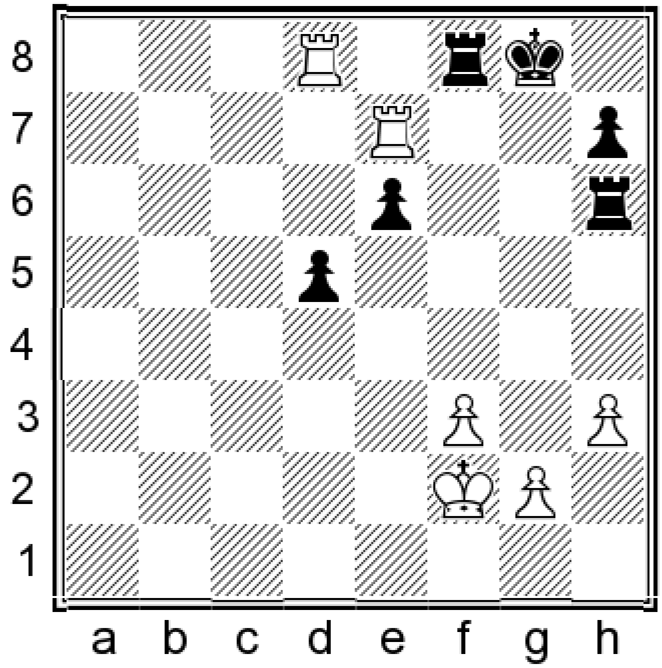
42.♖g7

[During the analysis Flohr suggested 42.g4!? but this proved insufficient because of Botvinnik’s continuation 42...♖f3 43.♔g2 ♖hf6! (43...♖f8 44.♖g7 ♔h8 45.g5+– Flohr) 44.♖g7 ♔f8 45.♖h7 ♖f7;

Botvinnik’s third and principal plan can be seen in the following line: 42.♔g1 ♖f8 43.♔f2 ♖ff6 44.♔e3 ♖f8 (44...♖hg6 45.g4) 45.♖g7! ♔h8 46.♔d4 ♖g8 47.♖g8 ♔g8 48.♔e5 ♖g6 49.g4 h5 (49...♖h6 50.f4 ♖h3 51.♔e6+–) 50.♖e7 (When he sat down for the game, Botvinnik thought 50.♖a7 would be just as good, but Tal discovered that Black draws with 50...hg4 51.hg4 ♖g7!) 50...hg4 51.hg4 ♔f8! (51...♔h8 52.♖e6 ♖e6 53.♔e6 d4 54.♔f7!! d3 55.g5 d2 56.g6 d1=♕ 57.g7 ♔h7 58.g8=♕ ♔h6 59.♕g6) 52.♖h7 ♔g8 53.♖h5 ♔f7 54.g5 ♔g8 (Actually 54...♖g8! is the best way to activate Black’s game a little: 55.f4 ♖a8 56.♖h7 ♔g8 57.♖e7 ♖a4 58.♖e6 ♖e4 59.♔f5 ♖e6 60.♔e6 d4 61.♔e7 d3 62.f5 d2 63.f6 d1=♕ 64.f7 ♔h7 65.f8=♕ ♕e2 Marin) 55.f4 ♔g7 56.♖h1 ♔g8 57.♖a1 ♔f7 58.♔d6 ♔f8 (During the night, Botvinnik only considered 58...♔g7? 59.♔e7 ♔h7 60.♔f7+– but later he discovered the correct way for Black.) 59.♖a7 ♔e8= Botvinnik.

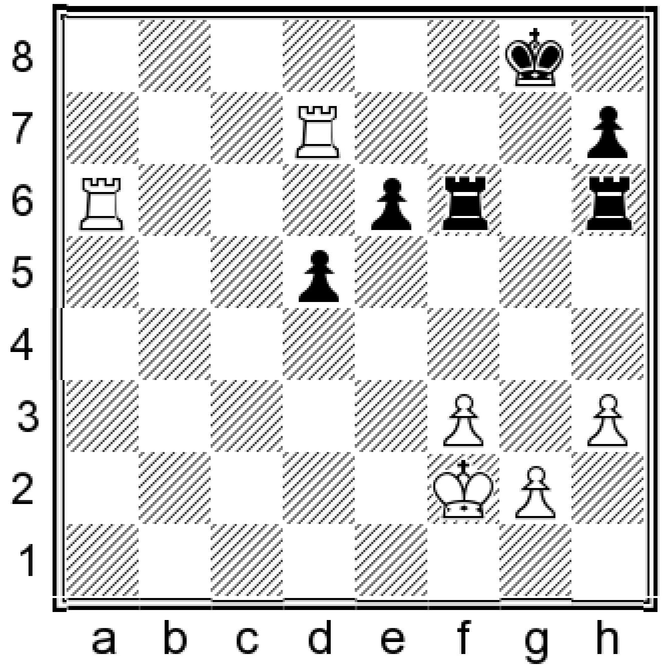
“If this had not been a team competition it is possible that I would have headed straight for this ending, but at the Olympiad, at a moment when the tournament situation was tense, it didn’t make sense not to allow myself the chance of some “casual” opportunity.” Botvinnik.]

42...♔h8 43.♖ge7 ♔g8 44.♔g1 ♖f8 45.♔f2 ♖ff6 46.♖d8 ♖f8



47.♖d6 “With this move White imperceptibly switches to the second phase.” Botvinnik.

47...♖ff6 48.♖b6 ♔f8 49.♖d7 ♔g8 50.♖a6



50...♖hg6?
[50...♖f8? 51.♖d5;
50...♖h5! Keres;
50...♖f5! (Marin) is a similar and equally good defence as that suggested by Keres.]

51.♖a8 ♖f8 52.♖f8 ♔f8 53.♖h7
The rest is easy.

53...♔e8 54.f4 d4 55.♖a7 ♖f6 56.♔g3 ♖f5 57.♖a2 ♔e7 58.♖d2 ♖d5 59.♔f3 ♔d6 60.♔e4 ♔c5 61.♖c2 ♔d6 62.g4 ♖a5 63.♖d2 ♔e7 64.♖d4 ♖a3 65.♖d3 ♖a4 66.♔f3 ♔f6 67.♖e3 ♖a1 68.g5 ♔f7 69.♔g4 ♖a4 70.h4 ♖b4 71.♖e5 ♖b1 72.♖a5

♖g1 73.♔h5 ♖f1 74.♖a7 ♔f8 75.♔g6 ♖f4 76.h5 e5 77.h6 e4 78.h7

After this round the Soviets took the lead by one point and eventually won the Olympiad by a margin of 5½ points! For Botvinnik, it was the first of a four game winning streak, yielding him the individual bronze medal on top board.

1 : 0 Marin

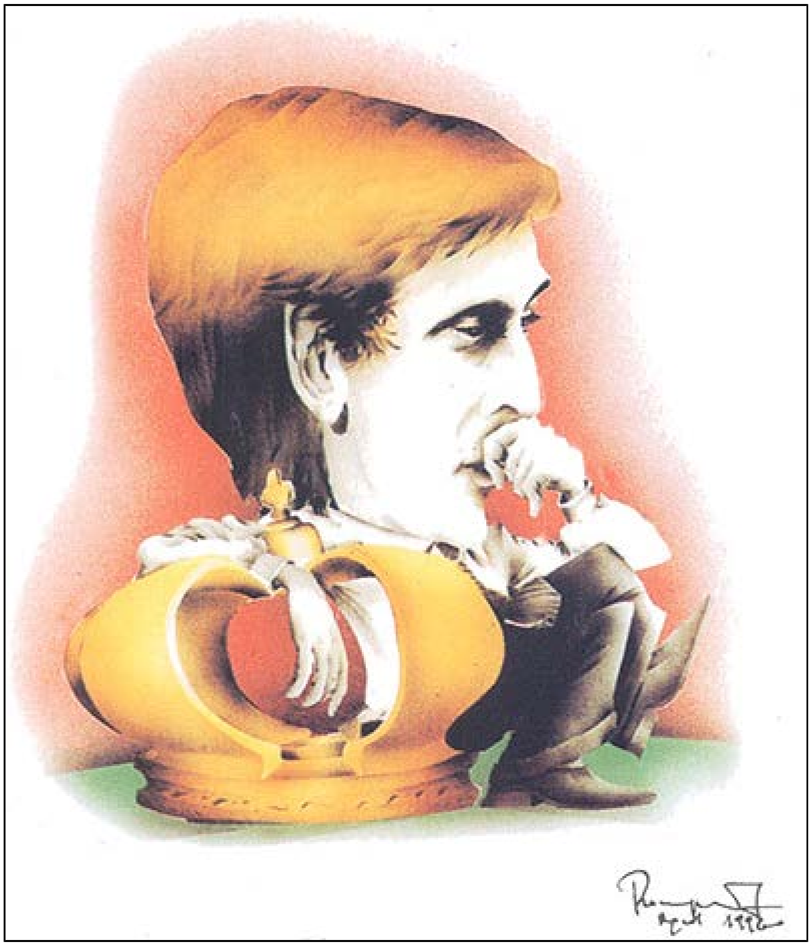
D79
Geller — Fischer
Palma de Mallorca (izt) 10/707, 1970

If we speak of playing until the exhaustion of all resources we cannot think of a better example than Fischer. The Soviets frequently considered his approach as childish and absurd, but many of their players had to pay dearly for not withstanding Fischer's prolonged pressure in simple positions.

Fischer had a good start at the Palma de Mallorca 1970 Interzonal, being in the sole lead with 5½ points after 6 rounds. But a less fortunate sequence followed, with a loss against Larsen, two games saved against Matulovic and Naranja, and a couple of fighting draws with Portisch and Polugaevsky. As a result, he trailed half a point behind the new leader, Geller, who had 8 points after 11 rounds.

Bobby was obviously nervous, even though his prospects of gaining one of the six qualifying places was beyond any doubt. But for him it was first place that really counted, together with high quality performances in his games. The turning point came in Round 12 when he met Geller, one of the very few grandmasters against whom he had a lifetime negative score.

Robert Fischer, Cartoon by Jovan Prokopljevic



1.♘f3

As reported in the tournament book by Wade and Blackstock: "Gufeld, Geller's second, when asked why not 1.e4 ?, replied at length, mentioning that it was contrary to the theory of probability that Geller's phenomenal run of success with it against Fischer could continue."

1...♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 0-0 5.0-0 c6!= 6.d4 d5 7.cd5

"Geller offered a draw. Fischer sat back and quietly laughed, with Geller also participating, then Fischer said something, Geller went a bit red and the game went on." (Wade/Blackstock)

This small psychological defeat would eventually result in an ending in which White was a pawn down.

7...cd5 8.♘e5 N [8.♘c3!]

8...♗f5 9.♘c3

[9.♕b3 ♘c6! 10.♕b7 ♘d4 11.♘c3 ♕d6 12.♗f4 ♖fb8 –+]

9...♘e4 10.♗e3

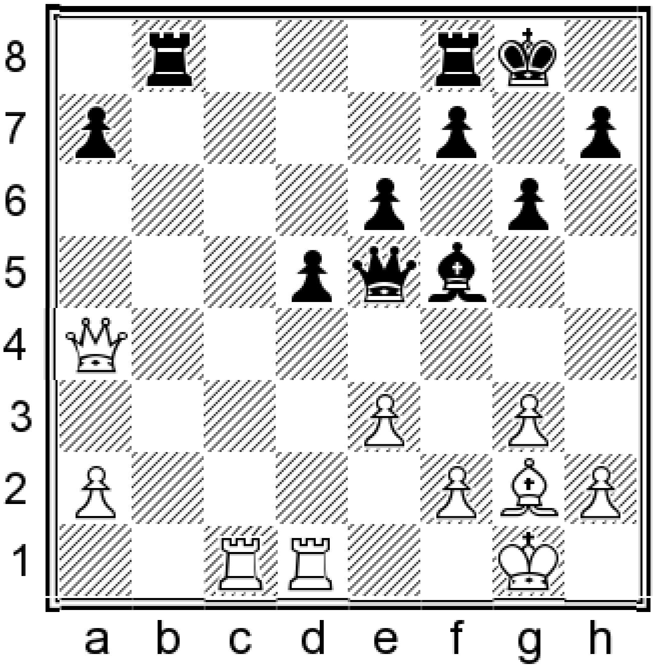
[10.♘e4 ♗e4 11.f3 ♗f5 12.e4 de4 13.fe4 ♗e5 14.de5 ♕d1 15.♖d1 ♗e6 –+]

10...♘c3 11.bc3 ♘c6 12.♘c6 bc6 13.♕a4 [13.♗f4!=]

13...♕b6!∓ 14.♖ac1 ♖ab8 15.c4? [15.♖fd1]

15...♗d4∓ 16.♗d4 ♕d4 17.e3
[17.♕c6= Marin, Vocaturo]

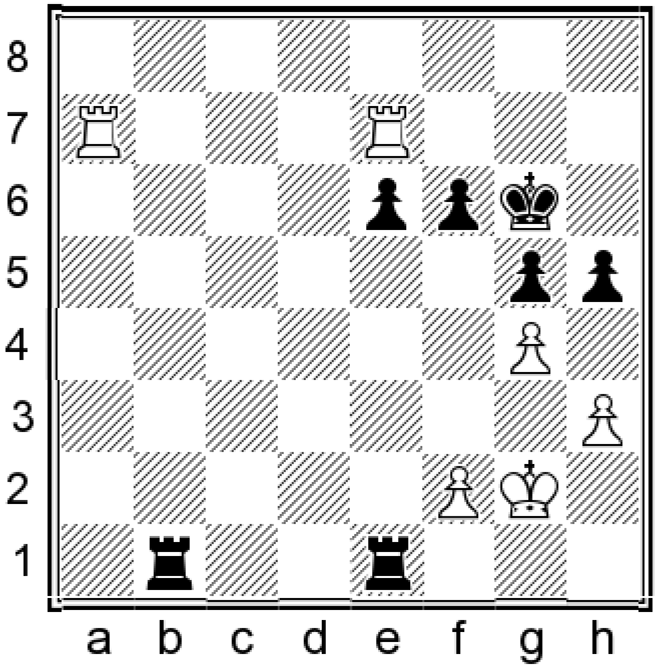
17...♕e5 18.cd5 cd5 19.♖fd1 e6



20.♕a7?!
[Geller, who was mentally focused on achieving a draw, was not prepared to embark on such a sharp line as 20.g4 ♗e4 21.f3 ♗f3! 22.♗f3 ♕e3 23.♔g2 ♖b2 24.♖c2 ♖fb8=∞ Marin, Vocaturo]

20...♖a8 21.♕d4 ♕d4 22.♖d4 ♖a2 23.e4! de4 24.♗e4 ♗e4 25.♖e4∓ ♖b8 26.♖e3 g5 27.h3 ♔g7 28.♖c7 ♔g6 29.♖f3 f6 30.♖e7 ♖e2 31.g4 ♖b1 32.♔g2 ♖ee1
[Δ 33...♖g1 34.♔h2 ♖h1 35.♔g2 ♖bg1#]

33.♖a3 h5 34.♖aa7

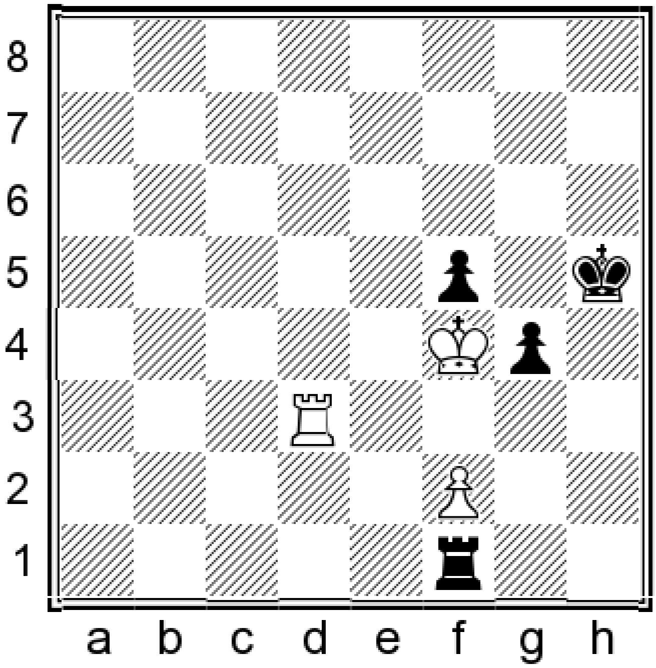


[Δ 35.♖g7 ♔h6 36.♖h7 ♔g6 37.♖ag7#]

34...♖g1 35.♔f3 hg4 36.hg4 ♖b3 37.♔e2 ♖g4 38.♖e6 ♖b1 39.♖aa6 ♖f4 40.♖a2 ♖h1
[Δ 41...♖f2 42.♔f2 ♖h2]

41.♖ea6 ♖b4 42.♖6a4 ♖bb1 43.♖a8 ♖hg1 44.♔f3 ♖b5 45.♖8a5 ♖b3 46.♔e2 ♖bb1 47.♖a8 ♔f5 48.♖2a5 ♔g4 49.♖a4 ♔h5 50.♖h8 ♔g6 51.♖g8 ♔f7 52.♖d8 ♖be1 53.♔f3 ♖e5 54.♖d2 ♖f5 55.♔e2 ♖e5 56.♔f3 ♔g6 57.♖e4 ♖f5 58.♔e2 ♖a5 59.♖e3 ♔h5 60.♖ed3 ♖aa1 61.♖d8 f5 62.♔f3 ♖a3 63.♖2d3 g4 64.♔f4 ♖d3 65.♖d3
The game enters its final phase, with only one rook on each side. The unfavourable position of his king causes White some problems.

65...♖f1



66.♖d2??

(Too harsh. Marin) [66.♔g3!=]

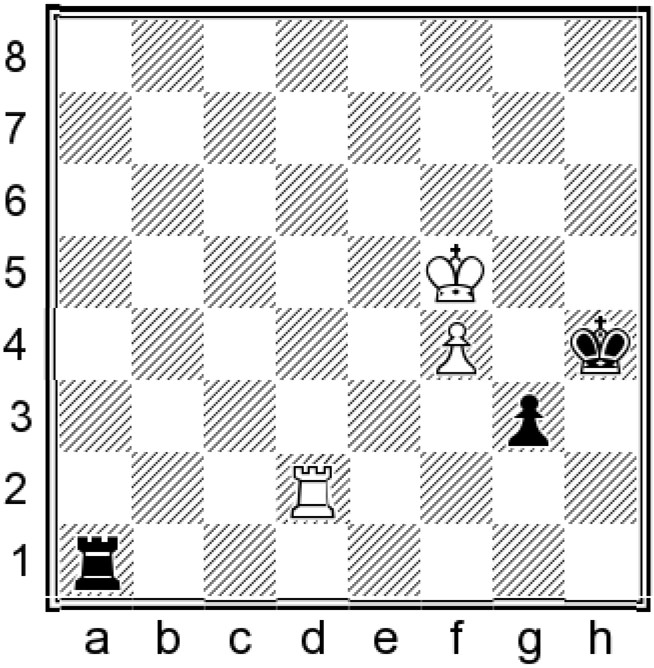
66...♔h4! –+ (Not quite so. Marin)

67.♔f5
[67.♔e3 g3 68.♔f3 ♔h3 –+ Marin, Vocaturo]

67...g3 68.f4 ♔h3 69.♖d3
[Geller's later confusion may be explained by the fact that in many lines the f-pawn does not guarantee a draw against the rook: 69.♔g5? g2 70.♖g2 ♔g2 71.f5 ♔f3 72.f6 ♔e4 73.♔g6 ♔e5 74.f7 ♔e6 –+ Marin, Vocaturo]

69...♔h4
Fischer was known for going straight for the winning line if he knew there was one. But the position is still drawn so he repeats the moves, in Botvinnik-style, to reduce his opponent's alertness.
[69...♔h2 70.♔g4 g2 71.♖h3 ♔g1 72.f5 Marin, Vocaturo]

70.♖d2 ♖a1



71.♔e5?
Rightly identified by Wade and Blackstock as the decisive mistake, even though the continuation they analyzed is flawed. White should not have conceded the g4-square to the enemy king, even though the last move looks like a nice centralization.
[White should have improved the placement of his rook: 71.♖d8! g2 72.♖h8 ♔g3 73.♖g8 ♔f3 74.♖g2! (74.♔e5? !! = Wade, Blackstock. 74...g1=♕ 75.♖g1 ♖g1 76.f5 ♔g4 77.f6 ♖f1 78.♔e6 ♔g5 79.f7 ♔g6 –+ Marin, Vocaturo) 74...♔g2 75.♔g6!! (75.♔e6? ♖e1 76.♔d6 ♖f1 77.♔e5 ♔g3 –+) 75...♔f3 Unlike the previous line, Black's own king prevents him from delivering a decisive first rank check. 76.f5= Marin, Vocaturo]

71...♔g4! 72.f5 ♖a5
This win helped Fischer recover his form and confidence and he went on to win the tournament with a fantastic 18½ out of 23, 3½ points ahead of the rest of the field.
0 : 1 Trifunovic, Marin, Vocaturo

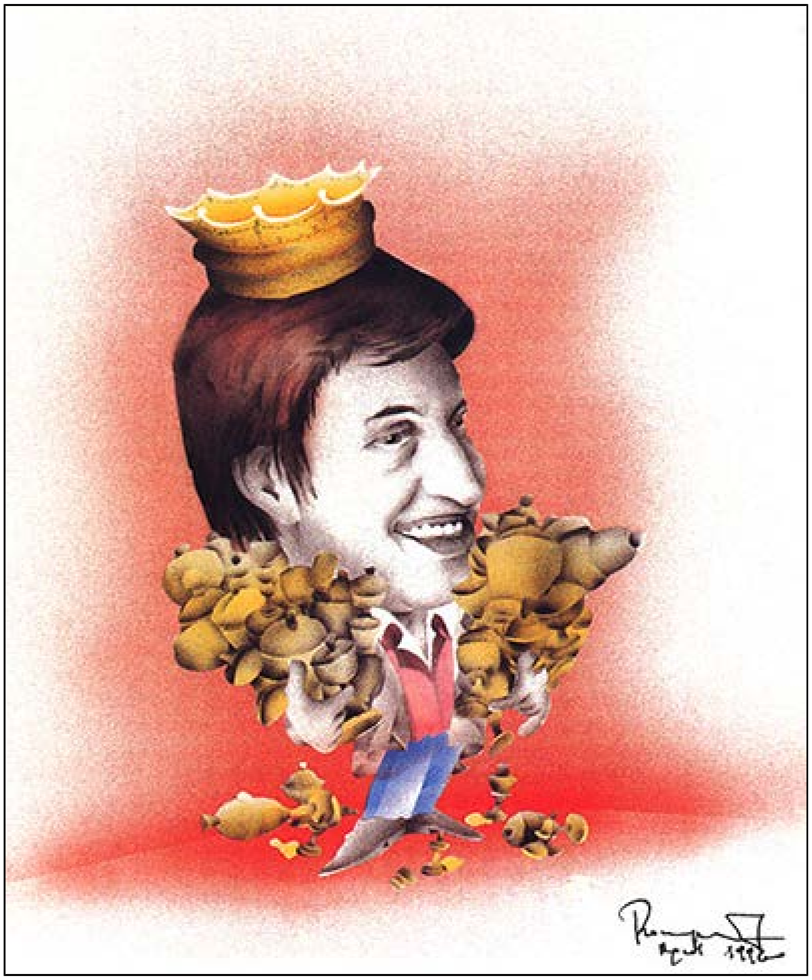
Anatoly Karpov was also famous for "torturing" opponents in virtually equal positions. Even though I do not remember any famous example when he made use of this particular skill in a crucial tournament or match game, I cannot end this article without including one of his games.

E15
Gheorghiu 2520 — Karpov 2725
Luzern (ol) 34/635, 1982

After winning his third and last match against Korchnoi in Merano 1981, Karpov consolidated his position as the undisputed strongest player of his time.

Just a few years earlier, his opponent in this game had reached the peak of his career, missing qualification to the Candidates' at the 1979 Leningrad Interzonal by a hair's breadth, and finishing with an honourable and undefeated +1 in Moscow 1981, one of the strongest ever super-tournaments.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.b3 ♗b4 6.♗d2 ♗e7 7.♗g2 c6 8.0-0 d5 9.♘e5 0-0 10.♗c3 ♗b7 11.♘d2 ♘a6 12.e3 c5 13.♕e2 ♖c8 14.♖fd1
[14.♖ac1?! cd4 15.ed4 (15.♗d4 ♗a3∓) 15...♗a3 (15...♖c7)]


Anatoly Karpov, Cartoon by Jovan Prokopljevic

14...♖c7
Regarding this manoeuvre, we refer to Stefanova's ♖c2 followed by ♗a1.
[14...cd4 15.♗d4=]

15.e4 cd4 16.♗d4 dc4 17.♘dc4 ♕a8 18.f3
[18.♘g4 ♘e4! 19.♗e5 ♘g5!∓]

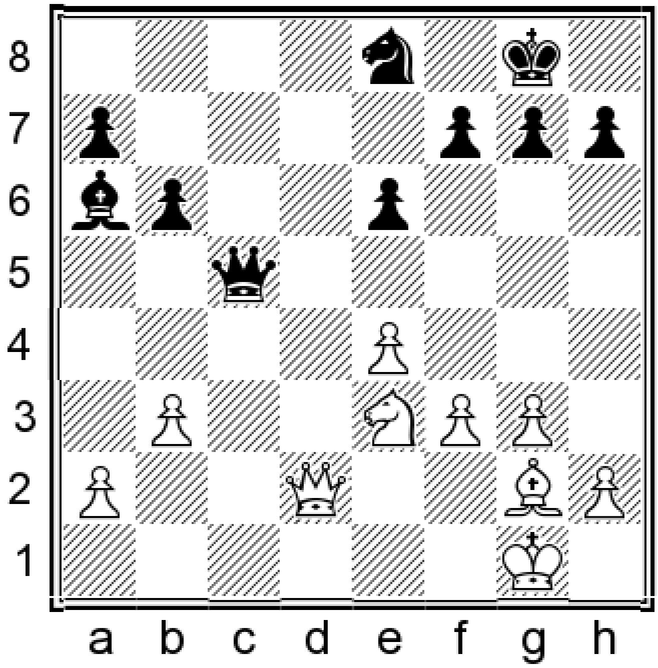
18...♖fc8 19.♘d3 ♘b8! 20.♘de5 ♗a6 21.♕e1 ♘e8
[21...♗c4 22.♘c4 ♘c6]

22.♘e3!? ♗c5
[22...♘c6!? 23.♘c6 ♕c6∓]

23.♗c5 ♖c5 24.♘d7= ♘d7
[24...♖5c7 25.♘b8 ♕b8 26.♖d4 Δ ♖ad1±]

25.♖d7 ♖5c7 26.♖c7
[26.♖d4!? ♕c6; 26.♖ad1 ♖d7 27.♖d7 ♗b5 28.♖d4 ♕c6]

26...♖c7 27.♖c1 ♕c8 28.♖c7 ♕c7 29.♕d2 ♕c5∓



30.♗f1 ♗f1 31.♔f1 ♔f8 32.♔e2 ♔e7 33.♕c2 ♕h5! 34.♘f1
[34.h4 ♕e5 (34...g5!?)]

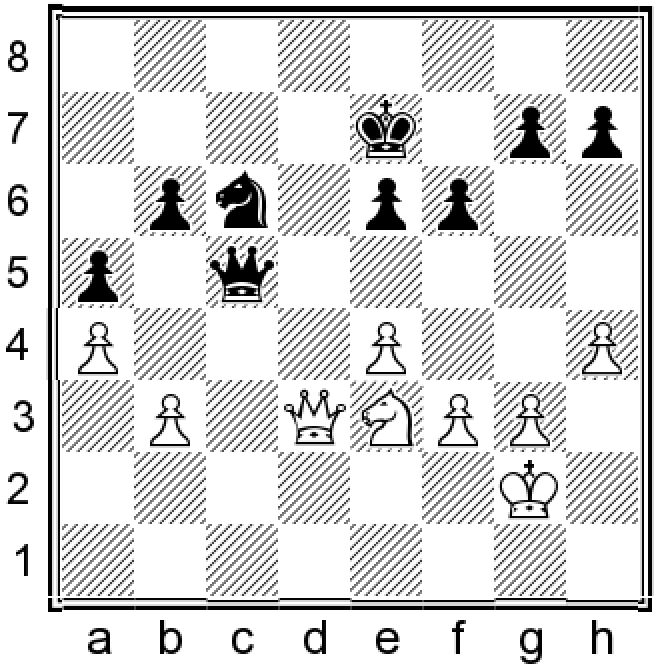
34...♔d7 35.♕c3
[35.♕d3!? ♘d6 36.♕a6 ♕b5 37.♕b5 ♘b5∓]

35...f6 36.h4 ♘d6 37.♔f2 ♘b5 38.♕d3
[38.♕c4 ♕e5∓]

38...♔e7 39.♘e3 ♕c5 40.♕d2 a5 41.♕d3 ♘d4∓ 42.♔g2
[42.a4? ♕b4 43.♘c2 ♕b3∓]

42...♘c6!
[Δ 43... ♘e5, 43... ♘b4]

43.a4
[43.♕d2 b5 Marin]



43...♘e5!

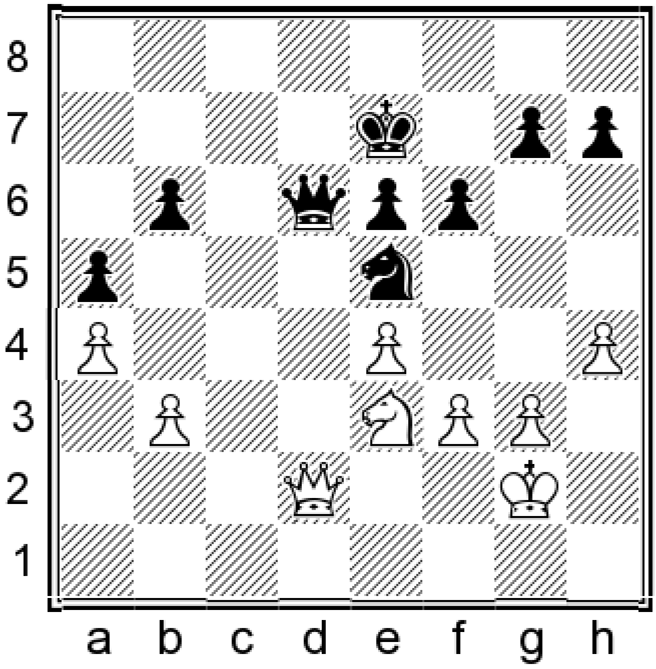
[43...♕d4 44.♕c2 (44.♕d4? ♘d4 45.♘c4 ♘b3 46.♘b6 ♔d6 –+) 44...♔d7 (44...♕e3 45.♕c6 ♕e2 46.♔h3 ♕f3 47.♕c7 ♔f8 48.♕d8 ♔f7 49.♕d7 ♔g6 50.♕e6 h5 51.♕e8 ♔h7 52.♔h2=) 45.♕c1∓]

44.♕d2

The "harassment" phase (similar to that in the previous two games) has forced White to make the aforementioned concession and the time has come for Black to switch to the next plan, based on exchanging queens which will increase the significance of his better centralized king.

44...♕d6!

[44...h5 45.f4 ♘c6 46.f5]



45.♕c3

[45.♕c2!? ♕d3

A) 46.♔f2 h5 (46...♔d6 47.h5! ♕c2 48.♘c2 ♘d3 49.♔e3 ♘c5 50.♘d4) 47.♕c7 ♘d7 48.♕c2 (48.♘c4 ♕c2 49.♔g1 ♕b3 50.♕d6 ♔d8 51.♕e6 ♕f3 52.♘d6 ♕g3 53.♔f1 ♕f4 54.♔e1 ♕h4∓) 48...♘c5∓;

B) 46.f4!? ♕c2 47.♘c2 ♘d3 48.♔f3 Karpov 48...♘c5 49.♘d4 (49.♘a1 ♔d6 50.♔e3 e5 51.g4 ♔c6 52.g5 b5 –+) 49...e5 50.♘f5 ♔d7! (50...♔f8 51.♘d6 ♘b3 52.♘c4=) 51.♘g7 ♘b3 –+ Marin]

45...♕d3 But now he has no more choice.

46.♕d3
[46.♕c7 ♔e8 47.♕b6? ♕e2 48.♔h3 ♕f3 (Δ ♕h1#) 49.♘g2? ♕g4 50.♔h2 ♘f3 51.♔h1 ♕h3#]

46...♘d3 47.♘c4 ♘c1
[47...♘c5 48.♘d2∓]

48.♘b6
[48.b4 ab4 49.♔f2! ♔d7 50.♘b6 ♔c6 51.♘c4 ♔c5 52.♘b2 ♔d4 53.a5 ♔c5∓; 48.♘d2 ♔d6 49.♔f2 ♔c5 –+ Marin]

48...♘b3 49.e5!
[49.♘c4 ♔d7 50.♔f2 ♔c6 51.♔e3 ♔c5 52.♔d3 ♔b4 –+ Marin]

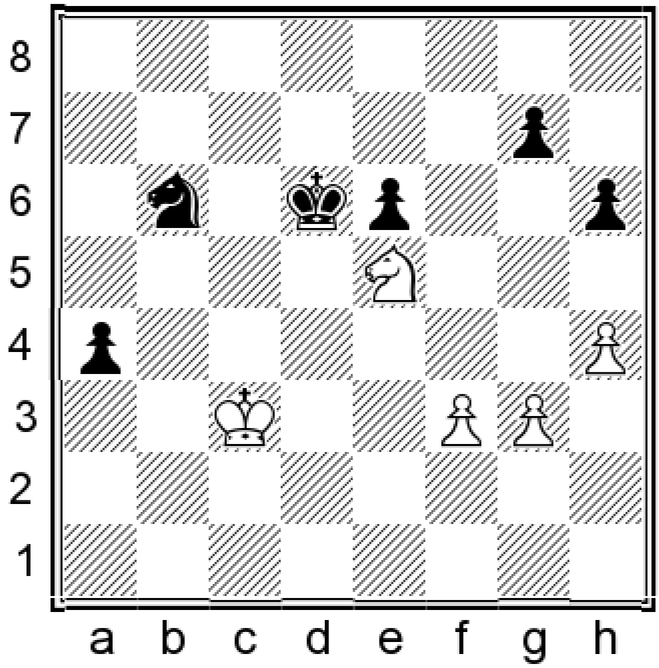
49...fe5 50.♘c4
Despite White’s efforts, the knight alone cannot prevent an infiltration by the king.

50...♔d7 51.♔f2 ♔c6 52.♘e5
[52.♔e3 ♔d5 53.♘b6 ♔c5 54.♘d7 ♔b4∓]
52...♔d5 53.♘d3 ♘c5 54.♔e3 ♘a4 55.♘f4 ♔e5 56.♘d3
[56.♘h5 g6 57.f4 ♔f5 –+]

56...♔d6 57.♔d4 ♘b6 58.♘e5 h6!
[58...a4 59.♘f7 ♔e7 60.♘g5 h6 61.♘e4]

59.♘f7 ♔e7 60.♘e5 a4 –+
Knight endings with an extra outside passed pawn are known to be won, in the same way as pawn endings.

61.♔c3 ♔d6



62.♘d3
[62.♘f7 ♔c5 63.♘d8 ♘d5 64.♔b2 ♔d6 65.♔a3 ♘e3 66.g4 ♘c4 67.♔a4 ♘e5 –+; 62.♘g6 ♘d5 63.♔b2 ♘e7 64.♘f4 ♘f5 –+]

62...♘d5 63.♔b2 ♘e3
0 : 1 Karpov, Marin

Perseverance, ambition, belief in one’s own self, courage, hard work, maybe also a hint of luck... These are some of the elements that can be detected in the above games. They are all traits of the great champions, but I would risk extrapolating it to the successive managers of the Informant. Many happy returns of the year on your 50th anniversary, dear *Sahovski Informator*!
1 : 0 Rublevsky

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Harikrishna

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SURPRISE ... SURPRISE

TACTICIAN TURNS TECHNICIAN

Indian GM Pentala Harikrishna presents two contrasting games. The first is characterised by slow-burning positional pressure, whilst the second explodes into action with a rapid-fire kingside attack.

The first game was played in the final round of the very strong Qatar Masters 2015. Prior to this, Yu was trailing Magnus by half a point. Considering that the World Champion was now playing Kramnik, Yu must have treated this as a decisive game in order to tie for first. He approaches this game in time tested fashion – he does not play forcing lines in the opening but instead maintains ongoing positional pressure and hopes that the opponent will crack under the strain. This brings to mind Kasparov’s approach in the final game of his World Championship match against Karpov in Seville 1987!

E20
Yu Yangyi 2736 — Wesley So 2775
Doha 2015

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 c5 5.g3 cd4 6.♘d4 0-0 7.♗g2 d5 8.♘c2!?

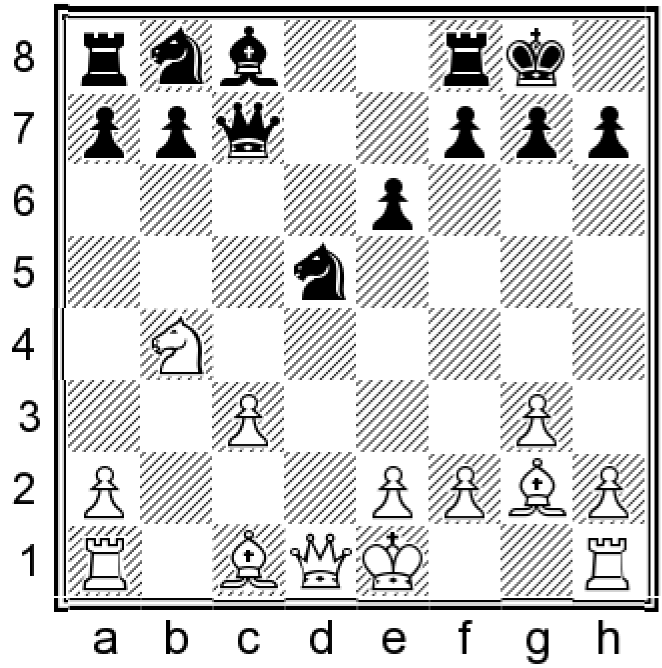
A very rare move, but one that probably suited the occasion! There are not many games in this line and, even though objectively it does not promise any advantage, it still has surprise value and White can hope for an enduring game.

[8.cd5 is the main line which has been heavily analysed; RR Bukavshin 2655 – Jakovenko 2759, Russia (ch) 2015 – 125/178]

Pendyala Harikrishna

- **Country:** India
- **Born:** 1986
- **Rating:** 2733
- **Peak rating:** 2733
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2001

8...♗c3 9.bc3 ♕c7 10.cd5 ♘d5 11.♘b4!?



This seems to be a new idea by Yu. White sacrifices a pawn for compensation based on the bishop pair and open lines.

11...♘b4!? A prudent decision by So. He avoids accepting the pawn offer and just plays to continue his development. This way he probably thought he would avoid any home preparation by his opponent.

[11...♘c3 12.♕c2 ♘d5 13.♕c7 ♘c7 14.0-0=∞; 11...♕c3 12.♗d2 ♕f6 13.0-0. In both these lines White has the bishop pair and pressure against Black’s queenside as compensation for the sacrificed pawn.]

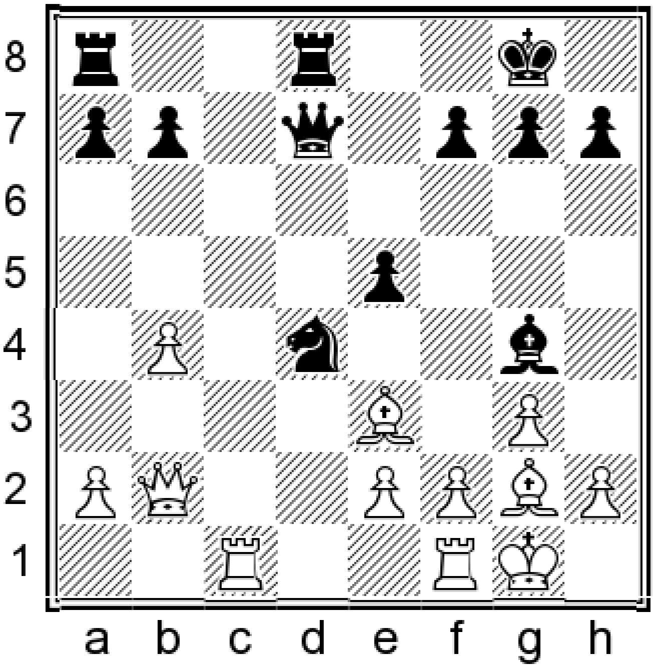
12.cb4 ♖d8 13.♕b3 ♘c6 14.0-0

[RR 14.♗e3 Lybin – E. Miciak, corr. 2012]

14...♘d4 15.♕b2 e5 16.♗e3

[After 16.e3 ♘c2 17.♖b1 ♗e6 White would find it impossible to evict the knight on c2 and it is not clear how he is going to develop his queen's bishop.]

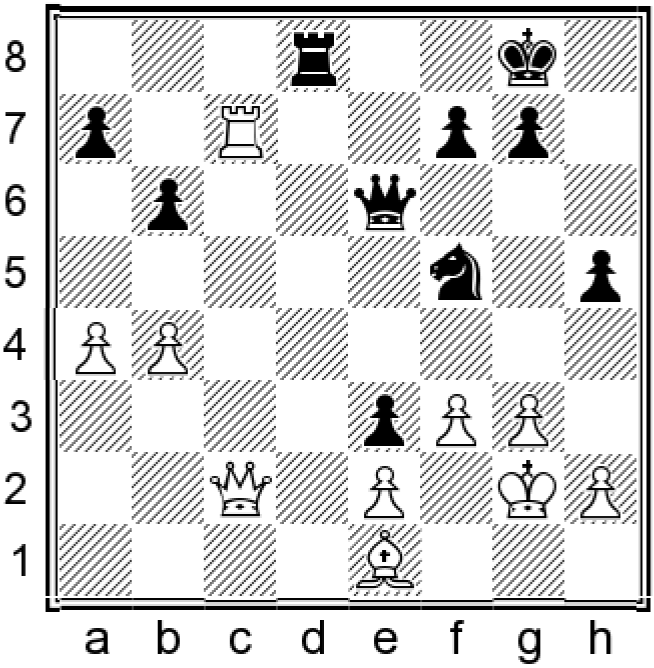
16...♗g4 17.♖ac1 ♕d7



18.f3 This is in keeping with his strategy of maintaining the tension.
[18.♗d4 ♕d4 19.♕d4 ♖d4 (19...ed4!? is perhaps simpler and equal too.) 20.a3 ♗e2 21.♖fe1 ♖d2 22.♗b7 looks slightly more pleasant for White, but it should nevertheless be equal.]

18...♗h3 19.♖fd1 ♗g2 20.♔g2 ♕e6 21.♖c7
White keeps the game going, though objectively Black is doing absolutely fine.

21...b6 22.a4 ♘f5 23.♖d8 ♖d8 24.♗f2 e4 25.♕c2 e3 26.♗e1 h5!

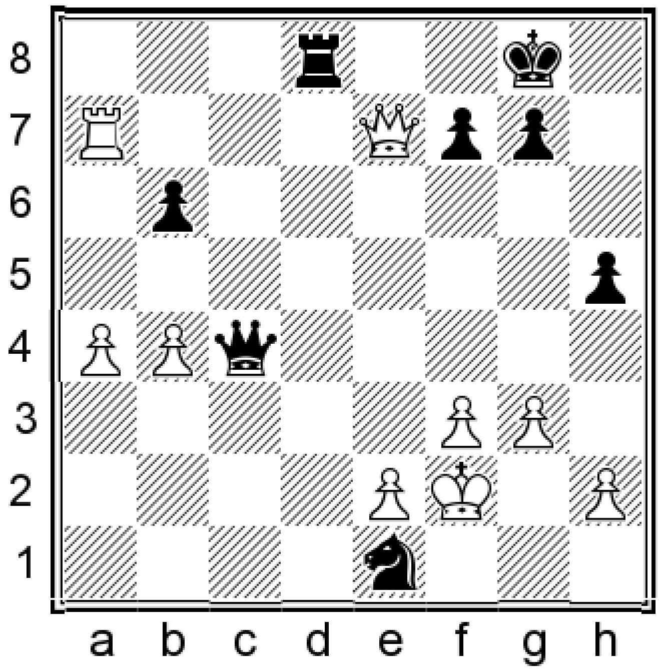


Black is playing for a win too. All three results are possible from such a complicated position.

27.♖a7 Of course, as expected White decides to go all-in.
[He had an alternative in 27.♕e4 ♖d2!? 28.♕e6 fe6 29.♔f1 ♘d4 30.♖a7 ♘c2 31.♖c7 ♘b4 32.♖c1, which looks pleasant for Black but is probably equal. But here White has no winning chances whatsoever.]

27...♘d4 28.♕e4 ♕c4 29.♕e3?!
[Perhaps White had to play 29.♕d3 ♕c1 30.♗c3 ♘c6 31.♖d7 ♖d7 32.♕d7 ♕c3 33.♕e8 ♔h7 34.♕f7 when he is a piece down, but it is not easy for Black to win this position.]

29...♘c2 30.♕e7 ♘e1 31.♔f2



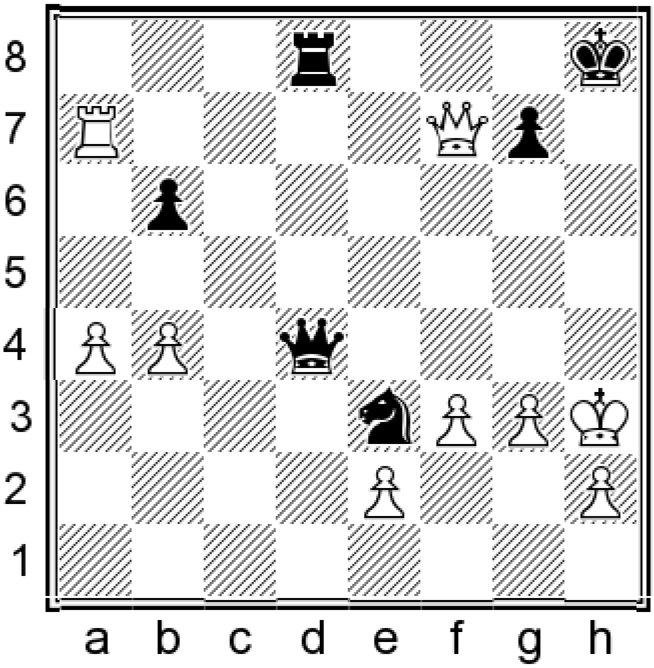
Yu Yangyi, Qatar 2016. Photo by David Llada

31...♕d4
[Black had to go for 31...♖d1! 32.♕e8 ♔h7 33.♕e4 ♕e4 34.fe4 ♘c2 35.a5 ba5 36.ba5 ♖a1 37.♖f7 ♘d4 (37...♖a5 38.♖f5) It is hard to definitively evaluate this position, but there is no denying that Black is the one playing for a win.]

32.♔f1! A cool move which keeps the game highly strung.

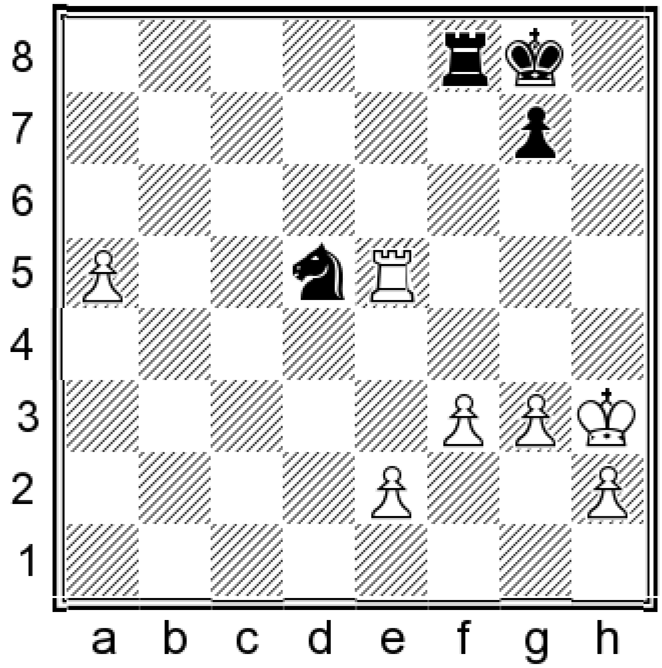
32...♘c2? A miscalculation on Black's part.
[He could have forced perpetual check by 32...♖f8! 33.♔e1 ♕g1 34.♔d2 ♕d4 35.♔c2 ♕c4 36.♔d2 ♕d4=]

33.♕f7 ♔h8 34.♕h5 ♔g8 35.♕f7 ♔h8 36.♕h5 ♔g8 37.♕f7 ♔h8 38.♔g2! ♘e3 39.♔h3



Now there is neither a mate nor a perpetual. White’s king is surprisingly quite safe.

39...♔h7 40.♕h5 ♔g8 41.♖e7 ♖f8 42.a5 ba5 43.ba5 ♘d5 44.♕e5 ♕e5 45.♖e5



White has forced an endgame with four pawns for a piece. This is very hard to defend in a practical game and objectively may even be winning for White.

45...♘b4 46.♖e4 ♘d5 47.♖c4 ♖f6 48.♖c5 ♖f5 49.♖c8 ♔f7 50.a6 ♘e3 51.g4 ♖a5 52.♖c7 ♔f6 53.♖c6 ♔f7 54.♔g3 g5 55.h4 gh4 56.♔h4 ♘d5 57.e4 ♘e7 58.♖b6 ♘g6 59.♔g3 ♖a3 60.g5 ♘e5 61.♖f6 ♔e7 62.♔g2 ♘d3 63.♖h6 ♖a5 64.a7 ♖g5 65.♔f1 ♖g8 66.♔e2 ♘e5 67.f4 ♘d7 68.♖a6 ♖a8 69.♔e3 ♘c5 70.♖a1 ♘b7 71.e5 ♘d8 72.♖a6 ♔d7 73.f5 ♘c6 74.e6 ♔c7 75.f6 ♘b4 76.f7 ♔b7 77.♖d6 And so, after a hard fight, with this victory Yu had managed to force a tiebreak match against the World Champion.
1 : 0 Harikrishna

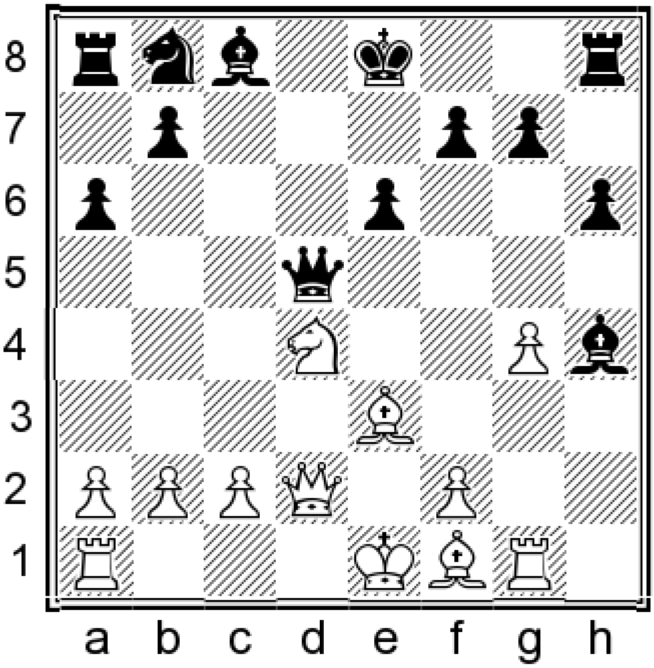
The second game is a nice example of a successful assault against an opponent’s king which is castled on the opposite side. Generally such positions are very exciting, often involving sacrifices to crown the attack. This scenario can occur in many Sicilians, not excluding the Keres Attack against the Scheveningen...

B81
Harikrishna 2737 — Kempinski 2637
Germany 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.g4 h6 7.h4 a6
This is a rarely seen response by Black.
[7...♘c6 is the main line, but a completely different ball game altogether.]

8.♖g1 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5 10.♘d5 ♕d5 11.♗e3 ♗e7 12.♕d2!
The most critical line. White gambits the h-pawn and continues to play for a lead in development.

12...♗h4



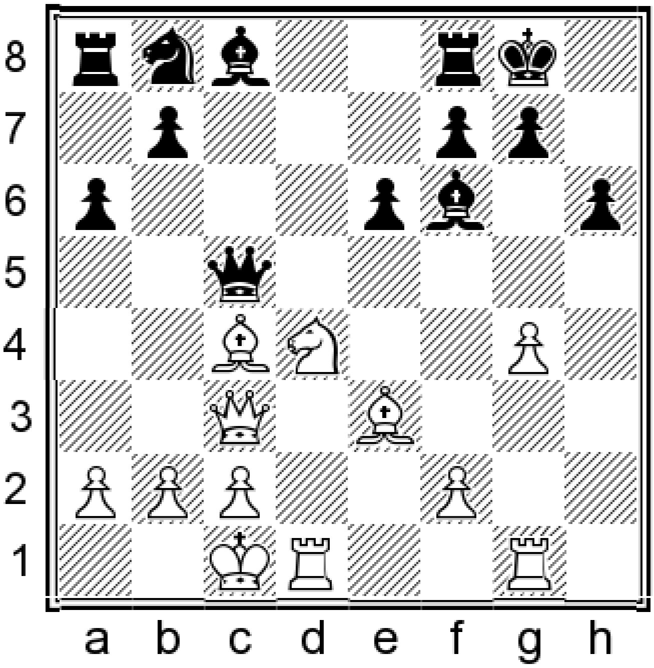
When I played 12.♕d2, I did not even imagine that Black would take on h4!

13.♕c3N

[An earlier game that reached the same position continued 13.♗g2 ♕d6 (Perhaps Black could have tried 13...♕c4!? 14.b3 ♕c7 15.0-0-0 though the position remains tense.) 14.0-0-0 ♘d7 15.♖h1 ♗e7 16.g5 ♘b6 17.gh6 gh6 18.♖h6 ♖h6 19.♗h6 ♘c4 20.♕c3 e5 21.♘f5 ♕b6 22.♕c4 ♗f5 23.♕a4 1 : 0 Luther 2550 – Vogt 2475 Altensteig 1995 – 64/(228)]

13...♘d7

[If 13...0-0 14.0-0-0 ♗f6 14...♕a2 15.g5) 15.♗c4 ♕c5, then



A) 16.♘f5! ♗c3 17.♗c5 ef5 18.♗f8 ♗f6 19.♗c5 fg4 20.♖ge1±, while

B) 16.♘e6!? ♕e7 (16...♕c6 17.♘d4+–; 16...♗c3 17.♗c5+–) 17.♘d4 is better for White too.

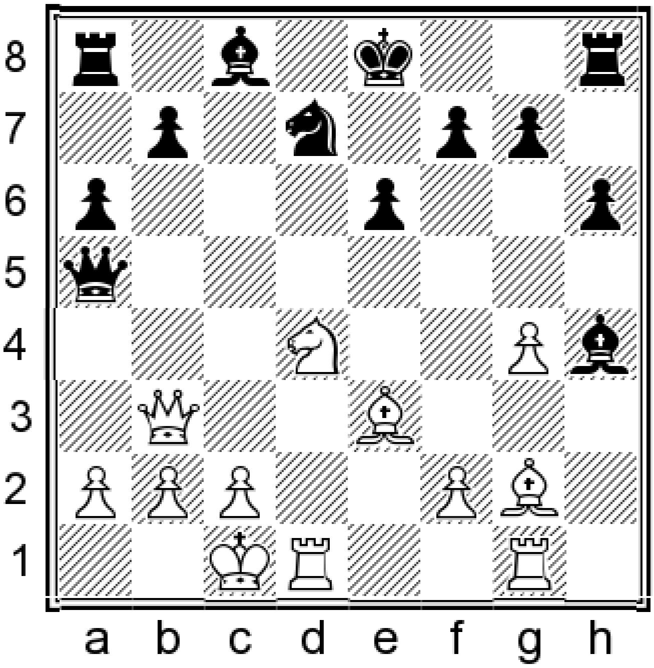
14.0-0-0 ♕c5 15.♕b3

[15.♕c5 ♘c5 16.♘f3 ♗e7 etc.]

15...♕a5

[Not 15...♕b6? 16.♕b6 ♘b6 17.♘f3 ♗d8 18.♖d8 ♔d8 19.♗b6+–]

16.♗g2



16...0-0

White is a pawn down, but he has a lead in development and the h-file is open. In positions with castling on opposite wings it is a common theme to sacrifice pawns in front of the opponent’s king in the hope of an attack. Therefore the absence of the h-pawn enhances White’s attacking chances on the open file.

[16...♘c5 17.♕c4 0-0 18.♔b1 ♗e7 19.♖h1+– is similar to the game.]

17.♖h1 ♘c5

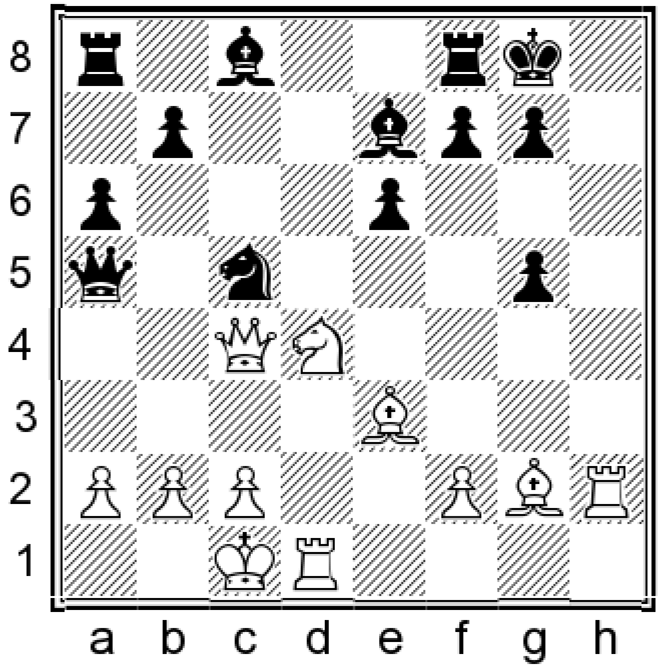
[17...♗f6 18.♖h5 followed by g5 and doubling on the h-file.]

18.♕c4 ♗e7 19.g5! hg5

[19...b5 20.♘c6 bc4 21.♘a5 ♖b8 22.♘c6+–]

> “Chess has lost its sparkle”...“Computers have destroyed creativity in chess”... “The classical masterpieces of yesteryear had far more artistic content than anything seen today”...are some repeatedly heard criticisms of present-day chess.
>
> But are such claims really justified? Well, judging from the brilliant games showcased in this column, the message of the new generation is: “You cannot be serious! No amount of opening theory or improved defensive technique will deny us our right of creative expression. We are unstoppable and will continue to thrill the chess world with our imaginative and spectacular play...”
> **Harikrishna**

20.♖h2



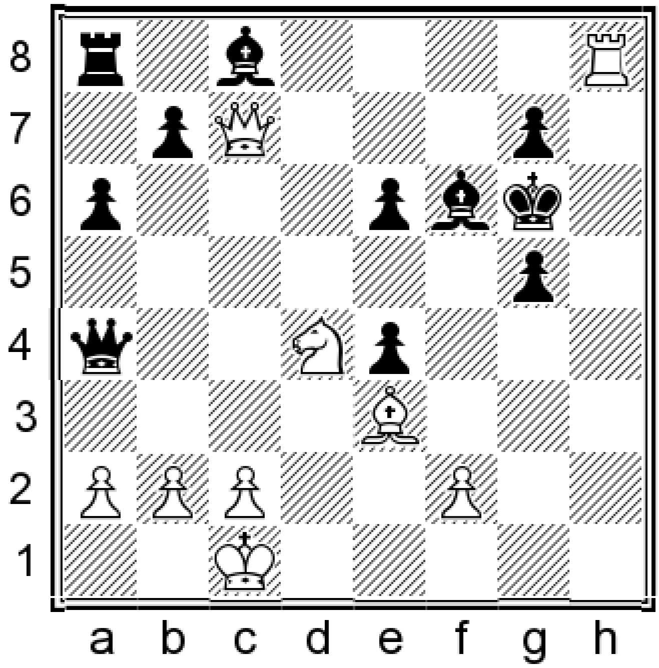
20...f5□
[20...♕a4 21.♘f5! ef5 22.♖dh1 wins immediately.]

21.♖dh1 White is two pawns down, but his attack is irresistible. All his pieces are participating in the attack against the opponent’s king, whereas Black’s men are scattered and unable to play an effective defensive role.

21...♕a4
[21...f4 22.♗d2 ♕a4 23.♕e2 ♗f6 24.♘f5+–]

22.♕c3 ♘e4 23.♗e4 fe4 24.♖h7 The attack on g7 forces Black’s reply, which weakens his seventh rank!

24...♗f6 25.♖h8 ♔f7 26.♖f8 ♔f8 27.♖h8 ♔f7 28.♕c7 ♔g6 29.♕h2 ♔f7 30.♕c7 ♔g6

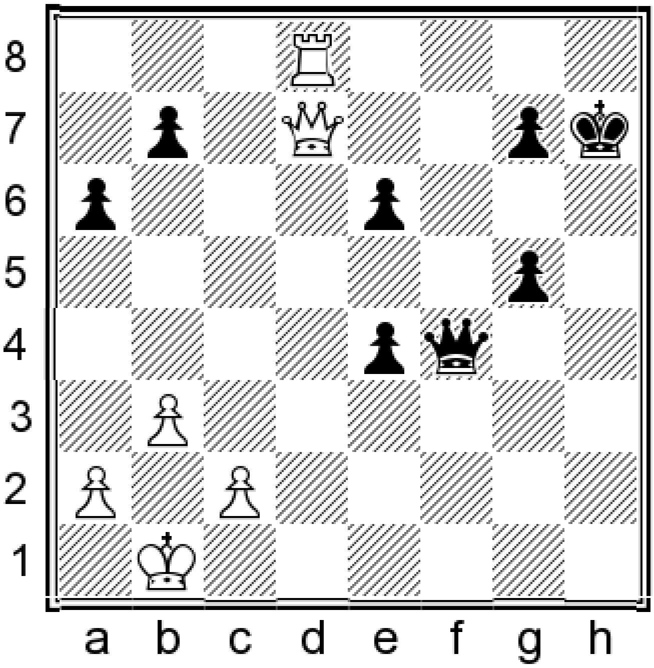


After repeating the position to gain time, the queen and rook now combine for the final kill.

31.♖f8!+–
Threatening ♕f7 and ♖h8 and forcing Black to give up material.

31...♗d7 32.♖a8 ♗d4 33.♗d4 ♕d4 34.♖d8 ♕f2 35.♕d7 ♕f4 36.♔b1
[36.♕d2 ♕f1 37.♕d1 ♕f4 38.♔b1 g4 39.♖d2+–]

36...♔h7 37.b3



White is a rook up with the attack still going strong. Black is defenceless.

37...g4 38.♕e8 ♕e5 39.♖d1
Incidentally, my team, Solingen, has been doing well this season in the German Bundesliga, drawing against the mighty Baden-Baden team and winning all its other matches so far. This will make for a most interesting title race over the coming months.
1 : 0 Harikrishna

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C48
Anand 2784 — Aronian 2792
Zurich 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6

A kind invitation to enter Germany...

Aleksandar Čolović

- **Country:** FYROM
- **Born:** 1976
- **Rating:** 2447
- **Peak rating:** 2516
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2013

4.♘c3 ...which is equally kindly declined.

4...♗d6
Not the most popular, but quite playable. [4...♗b4; 4...♗c5; 4...♘d4]

5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 ♖e8
[RR 6...h6 Sutovsky 2650 – Almasi 2720, Rijeka 2010 – 108/82, C 48]

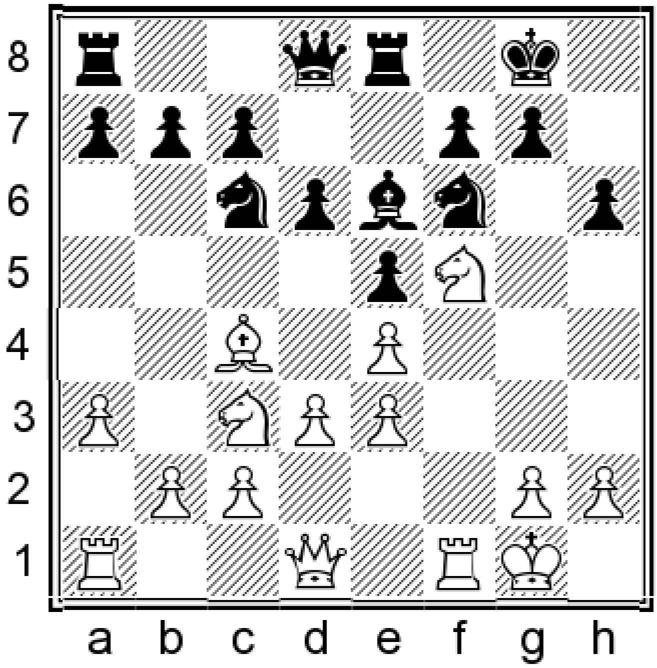
7.a3 Making room for the Bb5 when it comes to c4.
[7.♗g5 was played recently by Andreikin 7...h6 8.♗h4 ♗f8 9.♘d5 ♗e7 10.♘e7 ♕e7 11.♗c6 (RR 11.♗c4 Vo Duy Han – Tran Xuan Ngoc Dat, Vietnam 2000) 11...bc6 12.d4 Andreikin 2720 – Kobalia 2632, Moscow (blitz) 2015, C 48]

7...h6 8.♗c4 ♗c5
The most active spot, but Black had to decide what to do after White's next.
[8...♗f8].

9.♗e3 ♗e3?!
From a practical point of view this is dubious. Usually such an exchange is fine for Black in the Giuoco Piano, but here White comes very quickly with ♘h4-f5. I am sure that Aronian would have understood this if had more time than the "neo-classical" 40'+10".
[9...d6 keeps it solid for Black: 10.♗c5 dc5 11.♘d5 ♗e6]

10.fe3 d6 11.♘h4 ♗e6N
[RR 11...♘a5 Agbandhansingh – M. Zamora, Mexico 1997]

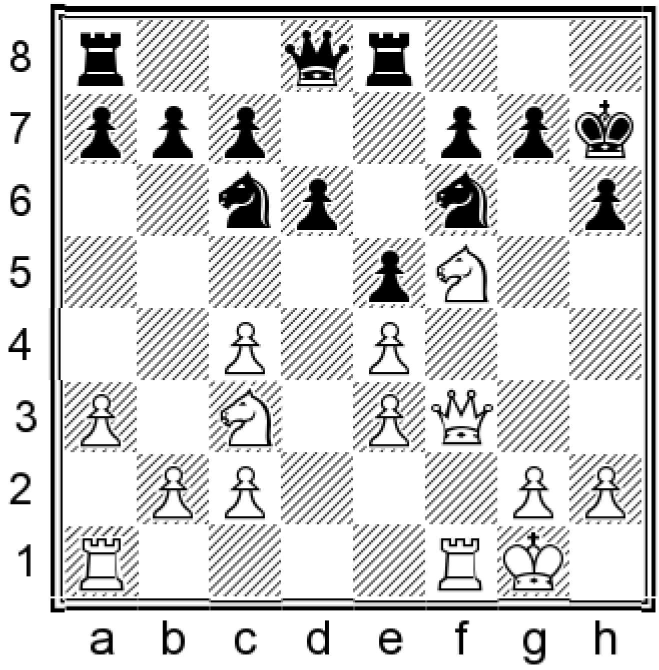
12.♘f5!



12...♗c4
Objectively, Black is suffering already. You don’t expect such shallow opening play by elite players, but I think Aronian was more inclined to treat the game as a rapid and not delve too deeply into detail.
[12...♘b8 was an alternative, but even here White is pressing. 13.♕e1 ♔h7 with the idea of ...g6 (13...♗c4 14.♕g3 ♘h5 15.♕h3 ♗e6 16.♕h5 ♕g5 17.♕h3 with ♖f3-g3 to come; 13...♘bd7 14.♕g3 ♗f5 15.♖f5 with a beautiful position for White.) 14.♕h4! ♘bd7 15.♖f3 and Black will be happy to survive until move 20.]

13.dc4 ♔h7? Already a direct mistake and it’s only move 13!
[13...♖e6 14.♕f3 (14.♘d5 ♘b8 15.♘f6 ♖f6 16.c5 ♘d7 17.cd6 cd6 18.c4 and though White exerts some pressure Black is actually fine) 14...♕f8 15.♖f2 ♘d8 and, with ...♘e8 to come, it’s a total bunker, but one which is difficult to breach!]

14.♕f3



14...♘b8 This allows a nice finish.
[After 14...g6 Black can at least prolong the game: 15.♘h6 (or 15.♘d6 ♕d6 16.♖ad1 ♕e7 17.♕f6 ♕f6 18.♖f6 ♔g7 19.♖f2 ♖ad8 20.♖d5) 15...♔h6 16.♕f6 ♕f6 17.♖f6 ♔g7 18.♖af1 ♖f8 19.♘d5 ♖ac8 20.h4]

15.♘h6! ♔h6
[15...gh6 16.♕f6 ♕f6 17.♖f6 ♔g7 18.♖af1 ♖f8 19.♘d5]

16.♕h3 ♔g6
[16...♘h5 17.♖f7 and Black cannot possibly survive with a king on h6, knight on b8 and rook on a8.]

17.♖f3 ♘h5 18.♖f5 ♘f6 19.♕h4
with ♖g5 mate to follow.
1 : 0 Colovic

It was difficult for the players to adapt to the new format of 40 minutes plus 10 seconds per move – it is too rapid for a slow game and too slow for a rapid game. Aronian paid the heaviest price in this game, losing in the opening, while the others paid with mistakes later on, when most of the time was used up and the game was played out with a few minutes left. Here are a couple of gems:

Giri 2798 — Anand 2784
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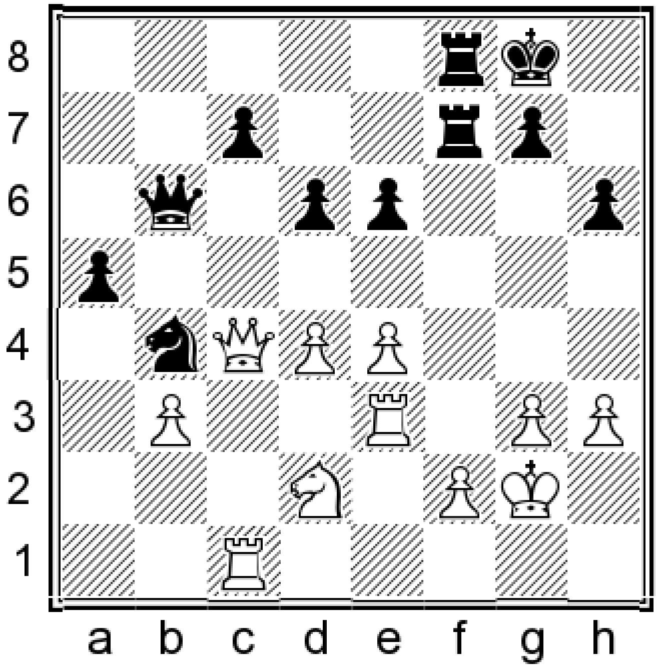
Giri is a very tough and resilient player and yet here he makes a two-move blunder - not what you expect of him!



A balanced position, White’s centre isn’t really threatening as Black’s pieces are well placed.

Vishy Anand, Photo by Anastasya Karlovich

31.f4?? A big blunder, quite uncharacteristic for Giri.
[31.♖f1 d5 32.ed5 ed5 33.♕c3 ♖f5 is still equal.]

31...e5! 32.♘f3
[32.fe5 d5! is probably what Giri overlooked. I’m sure he never misses these things in games with classical time control. If 32.f5 ed4; or 32.♖f3 ef4 33.gf4 c6! with ...d5 to come; then 34.♖cf1 d5 35.♕c5 ♕a6 with the idea of ...♕e2]

32...ef4 33.gf4 d5! 34.ed5 ♕d6
White is just lost with his weak king and numerous weaknesses.

35.♘e5 ♖f4 36.♔g1 ♔h7 37.♖g3 ♖8f5 38.♖g4 ♕f6 39.♖f4 ♖f4 40.♖f1 ♕g5 41.♔h2 ♖e4 42.♘f3 ♕f4 43.♔g2 ♖e3 44.♕c1 ♖e2 45.♔h1 ♕g3
0 : 1 Colovic

Shirov is no longer an elite player, but nevertheless he is still a force to be reckoned with. However, what he did in his game against Nakamura is hard to explain.

Shirov 2684 — Nakamura 2787
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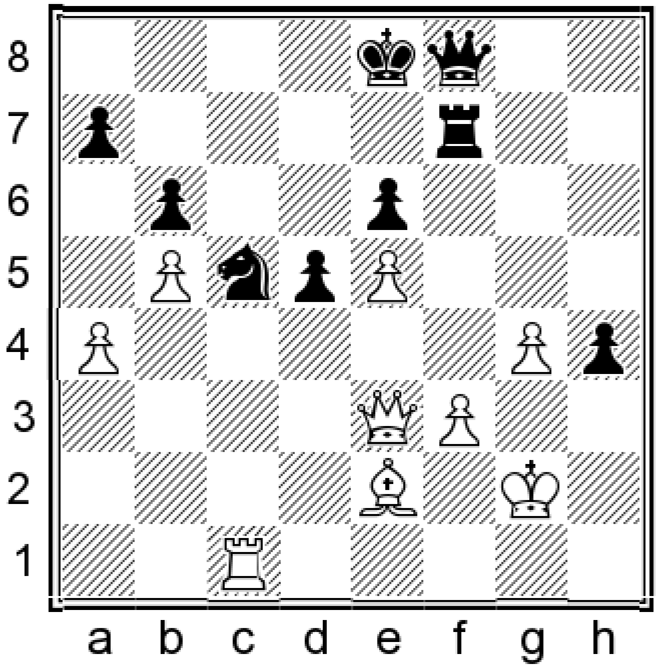
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35...♖f4

Black has the more pleasant position here, as there are tricks linked to the advance of the h-pawn, but a player of Shirov’s stature should be able to keep this under control. What he does next, however, is baffling.

36.♖c5
I cannot explain this, was it a panic attack with little time left, or a blunder in calculation, or a short-circuit in Shirov’s head? After other alternatives the position remains equal, now White is lost.
[36.a5 h3 37.♔g3; 36.♖h1 ♕h6 (36...♖a4 37.♖h4) 37.♕f2 ♖a4 38.♖h4 ♕d2 39.♗f1]

36...bc5 37.a5 h3 38.♔g3
[38.♔h2 ♖b4 39.♔h3 c4]

38...h2
[38...h2 39.♔h2 ♕h6 40.♔g3 ♖g4]
0 : 1 Colovic

The eventual winner of the event, Nakamura, also wasn’t spared the occasional blunder.

Nakamura 2787 — Kramnik 2801
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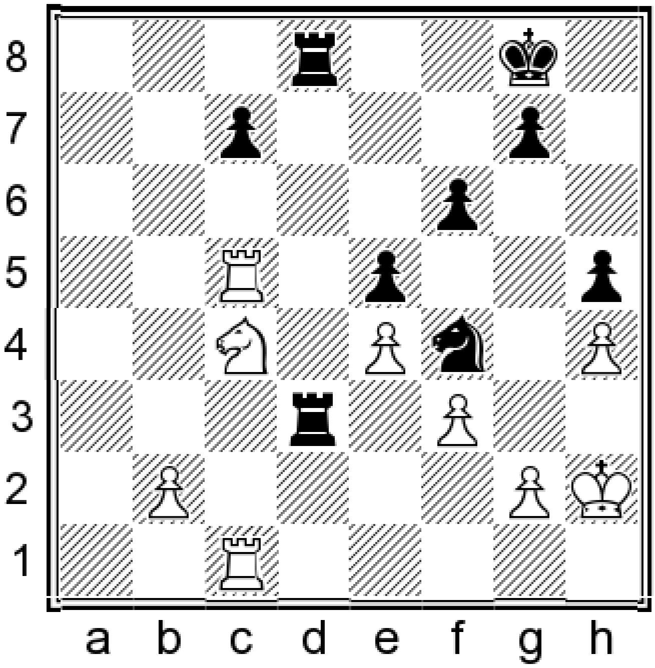


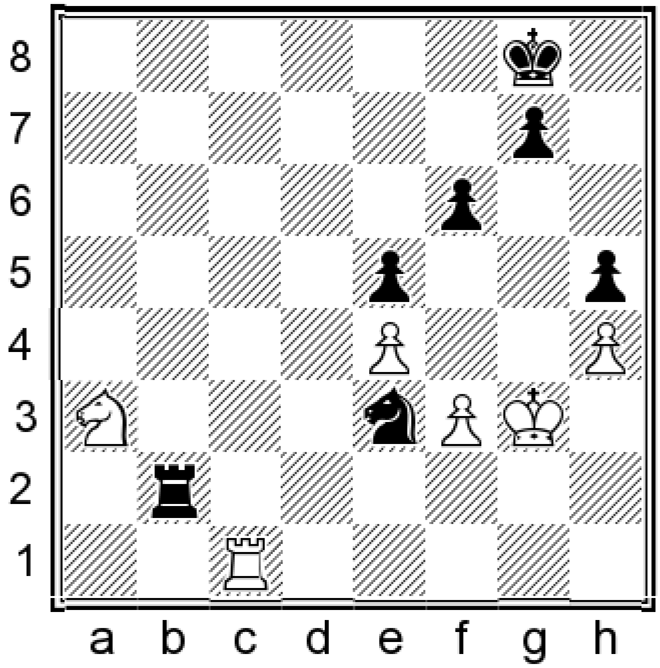
28...♖8d7 This is balanced, but what White does next is just as baffling as what Shirov did against Nakamura.

29.♘a3?? Why allow the rook to come to d2?
[29.♖c6; 29.♖c3; 29.♖a1]

29...♖d2 30.♖1c2 ♘g2
Did he miss this simple capture?

31.♖c7 ♘e3 32.♖d2 ♖d2 33.♔h3 ♖f2 34.♔g3 ♖b2
And now I would expect a Kramnik to win this against anybody and under any circumstances. The fact that he doesn’t manage to do it against Nakamura, speaks of the American grandmaster’s resilience and Kramnik’s imperfect technique with little time left.

35.♖c1



35...f5
This wins the exchange, but complicates matters. With enough time, Kramnik would have seen the elegant lines after 35...♖g2.
[35...♖g2! 36.♔h3 ♖a2 37.♘c4 (37.♖c3 ♖e2! with the idea of 38.♘c4? ♘f1! and mate on h2) 37...♘g2 with ...♘f4 to come with devastating effect.]

36.♘c4 f4 37.♔h3 ♖f2 38.♘e5 ♘f1 39.♖f1 ♖f1 40.♔g2 ♖a1 41.♘g6 ♖a2 42.♔g1 ♖a1 43.♔g2 ♖a2 44.♔g1 ♔f7 45.♘f4 and Nakamura saved the draw on move 72.
1/2 : 1/2 Colovic

Somewhat regrettably, the interesting chess was more difficult to detect. For me, Kramnik’s win against Giri was easily the best game of the whole tournament.

D78
Kramnik 2801 — Giri 2798
Zurich 2016

1.♘f3
Kramnik has recently returned to the move of his youth. But not being so young anymore, he doesn’t use it to transpose to the main lines, but rather to explore fresh options in previously-thought harmless openings.

1...d5 2.g3 g6 Anand’s recipe from his first match with Carlsen.

3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.d4 Preventing ...e5.

4...c6 Preventing c4 and limiting White to less critical lines of the Fianchetto Grunfeld.

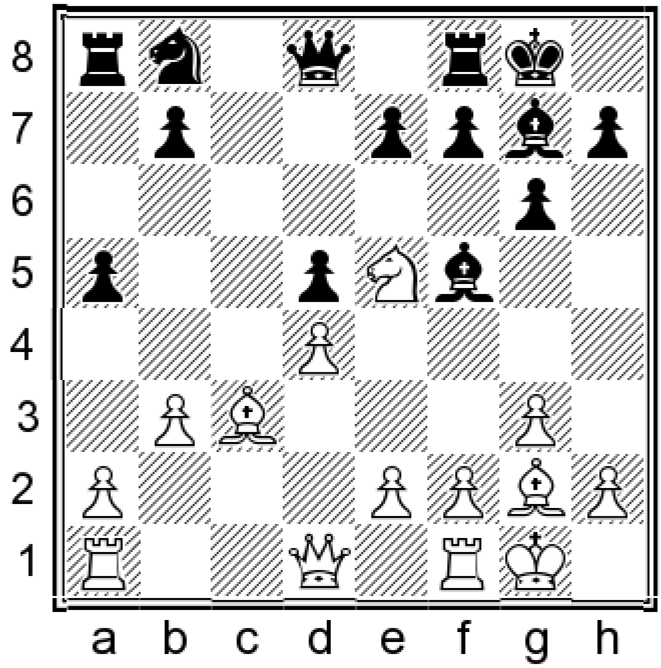
5.0-0 ♘f6 6.b3 0-0 7.♗b2 ♗f5 8.c4
Black is objectively okay in these lines of the Grunfeld, but as White players like to say nowadays, “it’s playable!”

Vladimir Kramnik, Photo by David Llada

8...a5 9.♘c3 ♘e4 10.cd5

This wasn't even mentioned by Avrukh in his excellent book *Grandmaster Repertoire 1 d4, Volume 2*, back in 2010. [10.e3 was Avrukh's suggestion, but I am sure Kramnik knew about it. Bu Xiangzhi 2708 – Radjabov 2751, Sofia 2008 – 103/(330); RR 10.♘h4 Tal 2600 – J. Dory 2335, West Berlin 1986 – 42/590; 10.♖c1 Pigusov 2540 – Gulko 2565, Wien (open) 1991 – 53/(440)]

10...♘c3 11.♗c3 cd5 12.♘e5



As expected, White didn’t achieve much, just a slightly weakened Black queenside

12...♘c6 13.♕d2N

[RR 13.♖c1 Foguelman – Cuellar Gacharna, Santiago 1965; 13.♘c6 Najdorf 2465 – Milos 2510, Buenos Aires 1988]

13...a4 14.♘c6 bc6 15.b4

Stabilising the position, now White’s only active plan is to push e2-e4. Luckily for him, Black cannot stop it.

15...♗c8 16.e4 ♗a6 17.♖fe1 de4 18.♗e4 ♗b5

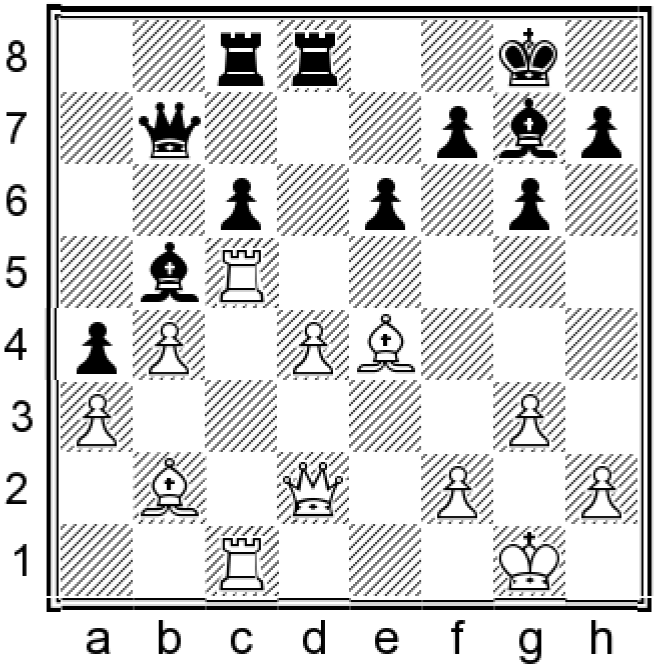
The ♗b5 cements Black’s queenside, so now lengthy manoeuvring ensues. The position is still more pleasant for White, the only player who tries to do something in the position, as Black is doomed to sit and wait.

19.♖ac1 e6 20.a3 ♕d6 21.♗b2

Doubling on the c-file is the natural thing to do.

21...♖fd8 22.♖ed1 ♖ac8 23.♖c5 ♕b8 This manoeuvre gives White something more tangible.

24.♖dc1 ♕b7



25.♕g5! It’s amazing to observe how inconspicuous Black’s inaccuracies have been and how Kramnik still manages to take advantage of them!

25...h6 26.♕f4 ♕d7 27.♗f3

Defending d4 and now that Black’s kingside is softened by ...h6, White wants to attack it by h4-h5.

27...g5

Preventing the plan of h4-h5, but weakening the kingside even further. It wasn’t easy to continue to sit and wait as White’s simple plan is quite annoying.

[27...♖e8 28.h4 h5 29.g4!]

28.♕e3 ♖c7 29.♕c3

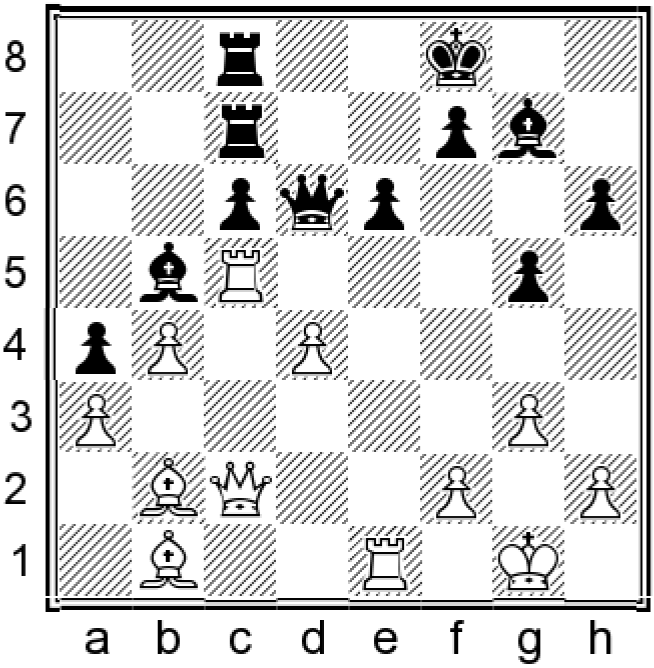
[29.h4! gh4 30.♕f4 is indicated by the machine, quite a nice double attack – on b5 (using the pin on the c-file) and h4. Then 30...♖cc8 31.♕h4]

29...♖dc8 30.♗e4

Here we see Kramnik’s idea – he plans to invade along the b1–h7 diagonal now that Black has weakened it by 27...g5. Simple chess!

30...♕d6 31.♗b1 ♔f8 32.♕c2 ♔e7 33.♖e1 Threatening d5.

33...♔f8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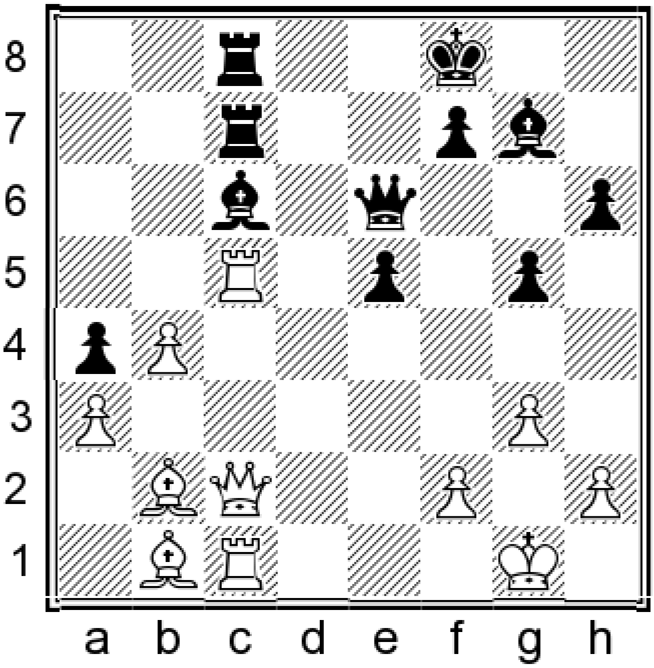
34.d5! In his youth Kramnik won many games with this trademark push. It seems he still remembers those days.

34...e5 The pawn cannot be taken.
[34...ed5 35.♗g7 ♔g7 36.♕h7 ♔f8 37.♕h8; 34...♗b2 35.♕b2 ed5 36.♕h8]

35.♖c1 ♗f6 36.♕f5 ♗g7
Black is completely paralysed.

37.dc6 ♗c6
[37...♖c6 38.♕c8 ♖c8 39.♖c8 ♔e7 40.♗f5]

38.♕c2 ♕e6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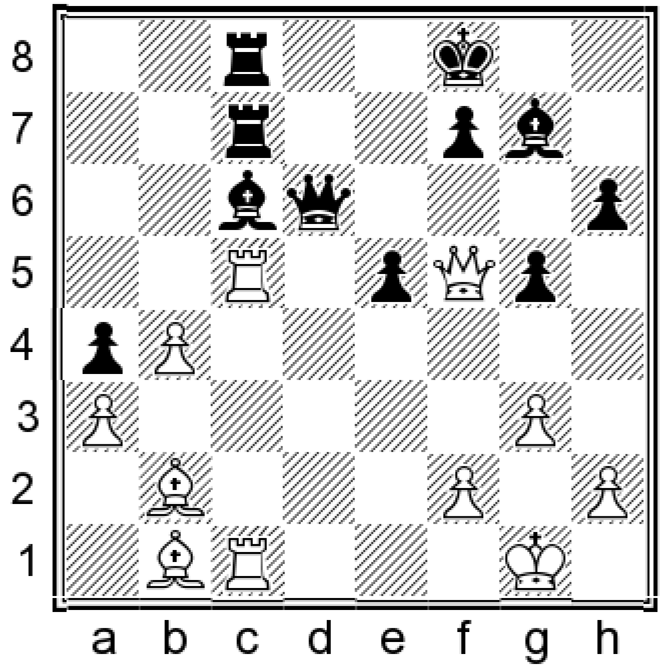
39.♕f5

Perhaps around here White could have been more precise, but by now the opponents each had only a few minutes left on the clock, and at the very moment when more time was needed to calculate the win precisely!

[Better is 39.♕e2 with the idea of ♗e4 and b5. Then 39...♔g8 40.♗e4 (40.b5 ♗f3 but even this is good for White: 41.♖c7 ♗e2 42.♖c8 ♗f8 43.♖d8) 40...♗f8 41.♖5c2 and b5 cannot be stopped. After 41...♗e4 42.♖c7 ♖c7 43.♖c7 White has a technical win.]

39...♕d6



40.♗a2? This gives Black an unnecessary chance.

[40.♕d3! ♔e7 (40...♕e6 41.b5) 41.♕c4 ♖d7 42.♕f1 threatening ♗f5 (Even after 42.♗f5 ♕d1 43.♕f1 ♕f3 White is much better, although this is not where you want to go when you have such a tremendous position! 44.♖c6 ♖c6 45.♗d7 ♖c1 46.♗c1 ♔d7 47.♗e3) 42...♖dd8 43.♗f5 ♗d7 44.♖c8 winning material.]

40...♗e8 41.♕c8 This was Kramnik’s idea, but it contains a flaw.

41...♖c8 42.♖c8 ♕d2?

Black misses his only chance in the game.

[42...e4! was the only way and, deservedly or not, Black is back in the game! 43.♗g7 ♔g7 44.♖e8 ♕d2 45.♖ec8 ♕a2 46.♖1c3 f5]

43.♖1c7 ♕b2 44.♖f7 ♔g8 45.♖e8 ♔h7 46.♗d5
1 : 0 Colovic

Kramnik was also the creator of another interesting segment, an inspiring exchange sacrifice.

A07
Kramnik 2801 — Aronian 2792
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1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.0-0 ♗e7 5.d3 0-0 6.♘bd2 ♘c6

Aronian’s preferred choice in this position, which he has played many times already.

[RR 6...b6 Nikola Spiridonov – L. Popov, Bulgaria (ch) 1967 – 4/9; 6...c5 (– A 08) 7.e4 – C 00]

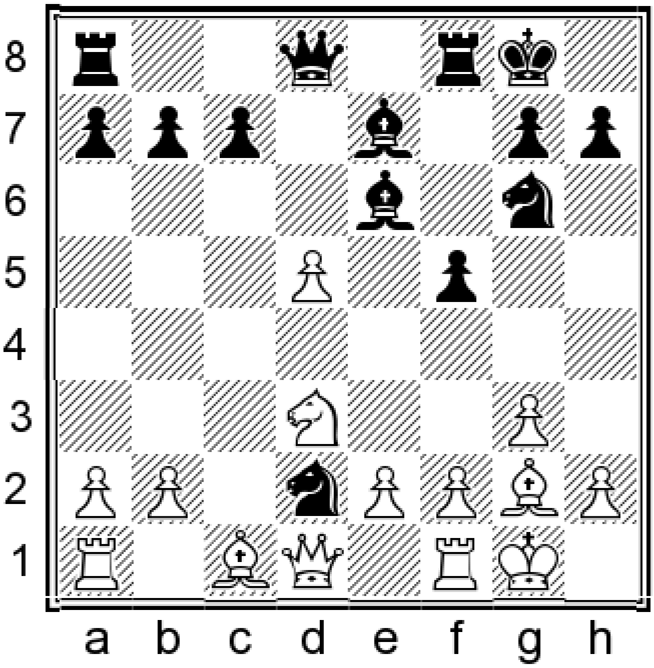
7.d4

[7.e4 de4 8.de4 e5 is Black’s idea.]

7...♘e4
[A week later, Aronian tried 7...b6 8.b3 ♗b7 9.♗b2 ♘a5N (9...♖e8 Haddouche 2524 – A. Hamza 1910, Algiers 2015) and he was doing alright, even though eventually he lost: 10.♘e5 c5 Rapport 2649 – Aronian 2765 Germany 2016]

8.c3 f5 9.♘e1 e5 10.de5 ♘e5 11.♘d3 ♘g6 12.c4N Formally this is a novelty.
[12.♕b3 ♔h8 Z. Doda – G. Kluger, Polanica Zdroj 1966]

12...♗e6 13.cd5 ♘d2



14.de6!? There was no need for this, but Kramnik’s choice shows his confidence and artistic elan.
[14.♗d2 ♗d5 15.♘f4 ♗g2 (15...♘f4 16.♗f4 ♗g2 17.♔g2) 16.♔g2 ♘f4 17.♗f4 is a tiny bit better for White.]

14...♘f1 15.♔f1 c6 16.♕b3 White has good compensation here, but Black is also solid.

16...♕b6 17.♕c4 ♔h8 18.♗e3 ♕c7 19.f4 ♖ad8 20.♖c1?!
This seems to swing things in Black’s favour.
[20.a4! a5 21.♖c1 ♗f6 22.b4! with the initiative, as the knight comes to c5.]

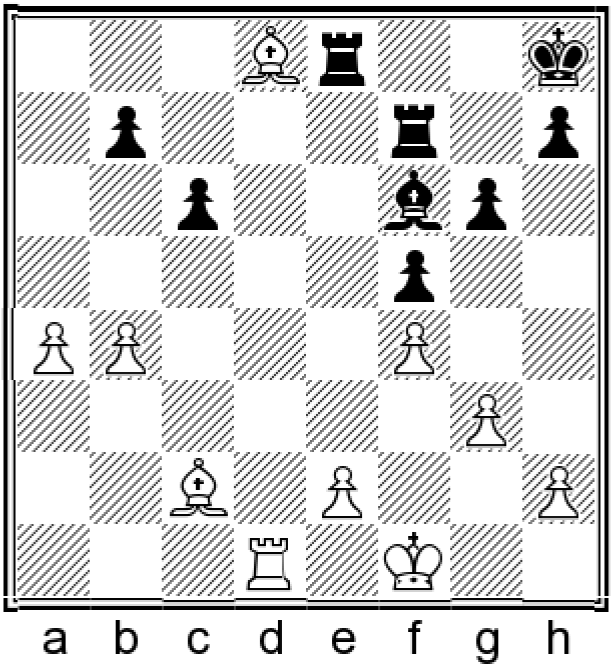
20...♗f6 21.♕b4 ♖fe8 22.♗a7 ♖a8 23.♗b6
White wants to transfer the ♗g2 to a more active diagonal.
[23.♗f2 ♖e6 24.♘c5 is still about equal.]

23...♕c8 24.♗d5 ♘f8 25.♗b3 ♘e6 26.a4 ♘f8
The idea is to chase away the ♗b6 by ...♘d7, but after the exchange of knights White is safe.
[26...♖e7 is stronger according to the machine, but it’s too convolute: 27.♘e5 ♕e8 28.♗e3 c5! 29.♕b5 (29.♗c5 ♘c5 30.♖c5 ♗e5 31.♖e5 ♖e5 32.fe5 ♕e5∓) 29...♕b5 30.ab5 b6]

27.♘c5 ♘d7 28.♘d7 ♕d7 29.♖d1 ♕e7 30.♕e7 ♖e7 31.♗c2 g6 32.b4
The bishops control everything and the position heads towards a draw.

32...♖ae8 33.♗d8 [33.e3]

33...♖f7 34.♗b6 ♖fe7 35.♗d8 ♖f7



36.♗b3

Kramnik is playing with fire! [36.♗b6=]

36...♖d8 But Aronian just wants to kill it off!

[36...♖ff8! 37.♗b6 ♖e4 and Black could have posed some unpleasant questions...]

37.♖d8 ♗d8 38.♗f7 ♗e7

Now it is a dead draw.

39.b5 cb5 40.ab5 ♔g7 41.♗d5 b6 42.♔g2 g5 43.♔f3 gf4 44.♔f4 ♔f6 45.♗c4 ♗d6 46.♔f3 h6 47.♗d3 ♔e5 48.h3 ♔f6 49.♗c2 ♗c7

1/2 : 1/2 Colovic

Anand and Nakamura shared first place, but the title went to the American thanks to his better tie-break. Anand was the more solid of the two, but Nakamura was the better fighter. He saved several dubious positions and the feat of the tournament were his wins against Aronian. Both times in the last round and both times in a must-win situation! Characteristic of both games were Aronian's implosions. He was equal in both games out of the opening, but with White he over-pressed and lost, while with Black he underestimated Nakamura's passed pawns. This is the 40'+10" game:

Aronian 2792 — Nakamura 2787
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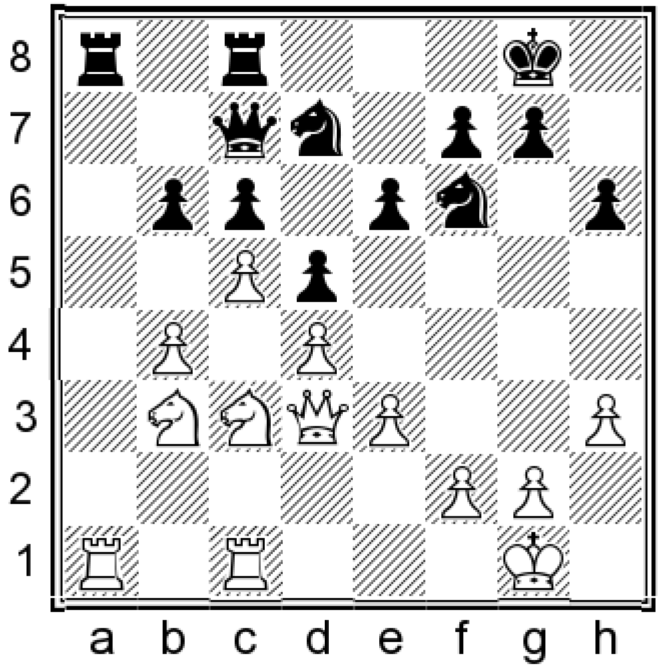


20...♕b7 Black is ready to play ...e5 and he has no problems. Aronian pushes forward.

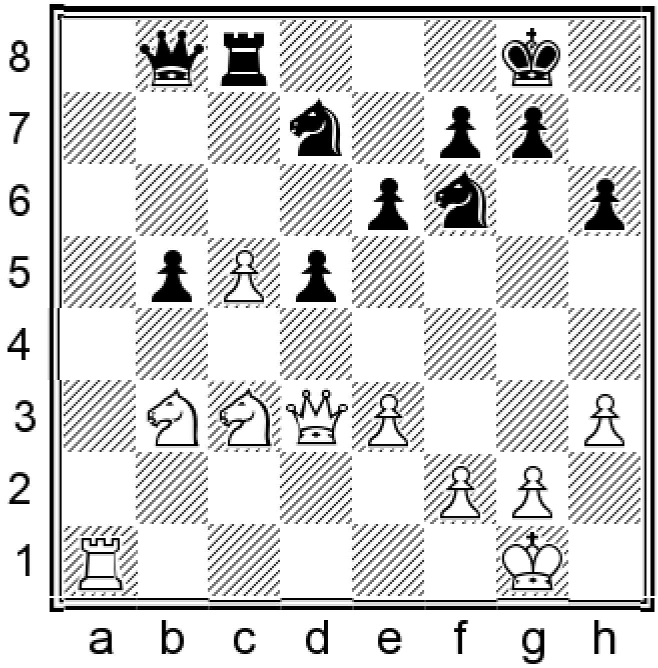
Hikaru Nakamura. Photo by Anastasya Karlovich

21.b5?
[21.♖cb1=; 21.♘d2=]

21...♖a1 22.♖a1 bc5 23.♘a5 ♕a8
The ♖a1 is pinned and White cannot take on c6 and recover the sacrificed material.

24.♘b3
[24.bc6 ♖c6]

24...♕b7 25.♘a5 ♕a8 26.♘b3 ♕b8 27.dc5 cb5



28.♕d4?
[28.♕b5 was the only chance 28...♕b5 29.♘b5 ♘c5 30.♖c1 ♘fd7 31.♘d6 ♖c7 (31...♖c6? 32.♘b7) 32.♘c5 (32.♘b5 ♖c6) 32...♖c5 33.♖a1 ♖c7 34.♖a8 ♘f8 35.f4 and White is putting up resistance, e.g. 35...♖d7 36.♖a6 ♖d8 37.♔f2]

28...b4 29.♘a4 ♕b5
Black consolidated and is winning.

30.♕b2 ♘e4 31.f3 ♘ec5 32.♘ac5 ♘c5 33.♖c1 ♖c7 34.♕e5 ♕b6 35.f4 ♘a6 36.♖a1 ♖c3 37.♘d4 ♘c7 38.♖b1 f6 39.♕h5 ♖e3
0 : 1 Colovic

Nakamura 2787 — Aronian 2792
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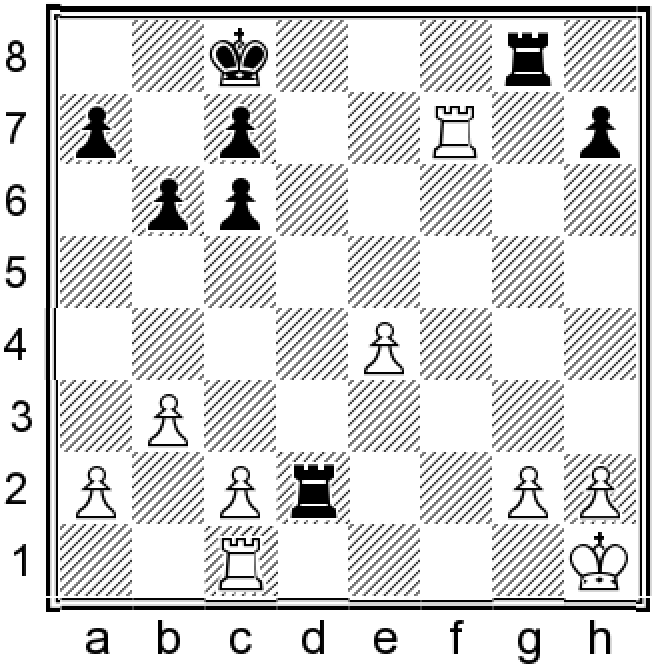

27.♖g1 ♖c2?
[27...h5 is correct. Black had to keep one pawn on the kingside. Then 28.♖h7 (28.♖f5 h4) 28...♖g5 29.h4 ♖e5]

28.♖h7 ♖a2
[28...♖g4 29.h3 ♖g3 30.♔h2]

29.g4 Usually they say “Black’s pawns run faster” but here we have an exception to the rule.

29...♖a5 30.h4 ♖e5 31.g5 ♖e4 32.g6 ♖ee8 33.h5 a5 34.g7 ♔b7 35.♖h6 ♖e5 36.♖h8 ♖g7 37.♖g7 b5 38.♖g3 c5 39.h6 ♖h5 40.♔g2 c4 41.bc4 b4 42.♖h3 ♖g5 43.♔f3 b3 44.♔f4 a4 45.♔g5
1 : 0 Colovic

By a strange coincidence this year’s edition had the same winners as last year: Nakamura, Anand and Kramnik. Perhaps these three have already reserved the same places for next year as well?

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4	ARONIAN	g	2792	0	0	½	■	1	½	2
5	SHIROV	g	2684	0	½	½	0	■	½	1½
6	A. GIRI	g	2798	½	0	0	½	½	■	1½

Blitz

				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2787	■	½	½	1	1	½	3½
2	V. ANAND	g	2784	½	■	½	½	1	1	3½
3	V. KRAMNIK	g	2801	½	½	■	½	1	1	3½
4	A. GIRI	g	2798	0	½	½	■	½	1	2½
5	ARONIAN	g	2792	0	0	0	½	■	1	1½
6	SHIROV	g	2684	½	0	0	0	0	■	½

Final Standings

		ELO	Pts	SB
1	HI. NAKAMURA (USA)	2787	10½	22.75
2	V. ANAND (IND)	2784	10½	21.75
3	V. KRAMNIK (RUS)	2801	9½	20.25
4	A. GIRI (NED)	2798	5½	11.75
5	ARONIAN (ARM)	2792	5½	9.25
6	SHIROV (LAT)	2684	3½	9.75

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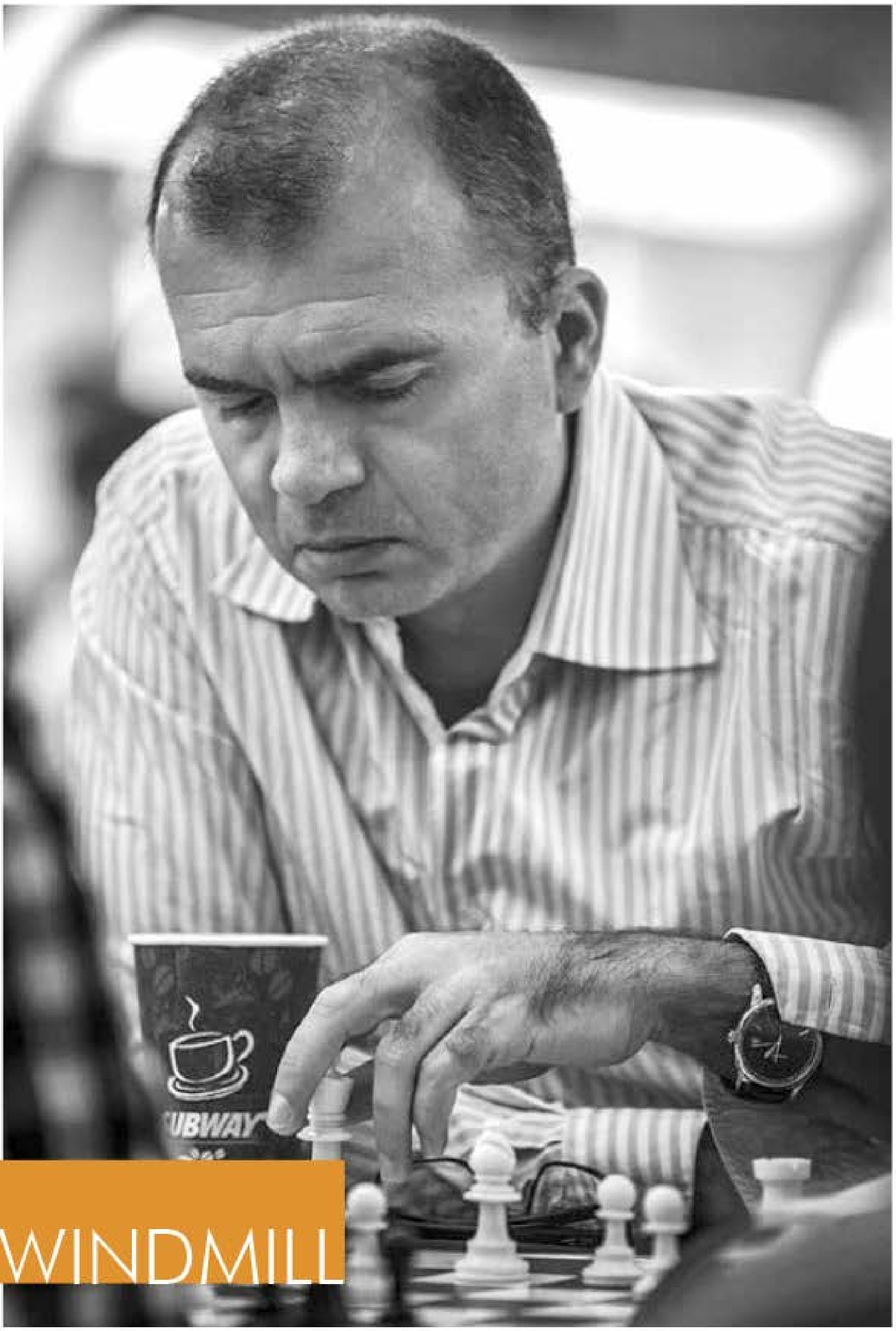

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TOP SEEDS SHOW THEIR SUPERIORITY IN QATAR AND GIBRALTAR

WHERE CHESS ROYALTY MEETS MERE MORTALS!

In recent years we have been getting used to an exceptional treat – the world’s top grandmasters participating in Open tournaments!

Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura duly lived up to expectations...

The Qatar line-up was a little stronger than Gibraltar as it was headed by the World Champion and fielded no fewer than six players rated 2750+, whereas the Rock featured the previous World Champion – returning after twenty years to an Open.

For many years there has always been a nagging doubt circulating the chess world: “The elite players protect their high ratings by playing exclusively among themselves. But would they be able to maintain their Elo if they played against mere mortals in Open tournaments?”
Well...both the Qatar and Gibraltar Opens were won by the top seeds. So, draw your own conclusions!

However, not all the Royalty had an easy ride. Competing in Open tournaments needs a special - or at least a different - frame of mind from that required for round robin super-tournaments. But, for Gibraltar, former world champion Vishy Anand had clearly not got himself into the mindset required to overcome the hazardous obstacles he had to face right from the kick off.

Nevertheless, after some early accidents, he was still in a position to turn things around, even though he would have needed a tremendous finish. In his shoes and his situation, Hikaru Nakamura would have undoubtedly endeavoured to do whatever was necessary, no matter what the risk, to achieve the impossible and stay in the race. But, in Gibraltar, Vishy did not seem to have the energy or inclination to meet the challenge.

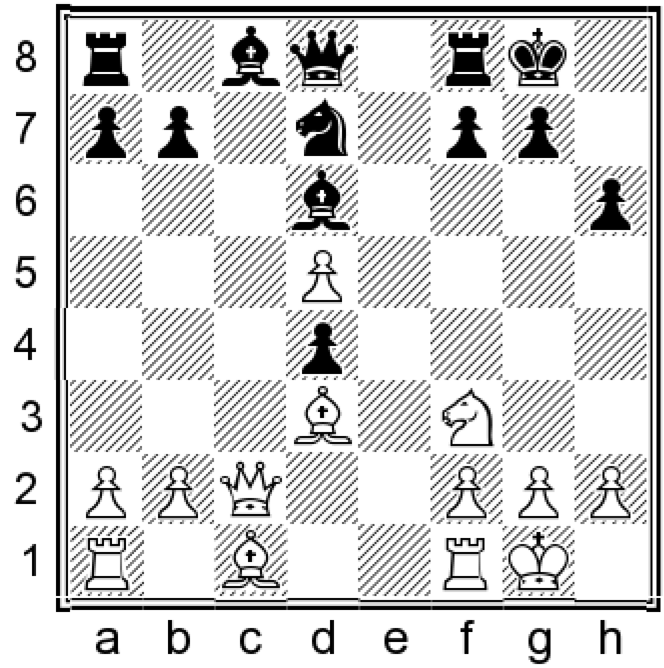
D46
Gledura 2515 — Anand 2784
Gibraltar 2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♗d6 7.♗d3 0-0 8.0-0 e5 9.cd5 cd5 10.e4 ed4 11.♘d5

Ivan Sokolov

- **Country:** Netherlands
- **Born:** 1968
- **Rating:** 2650
- **Peak rating:** 2706
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1987

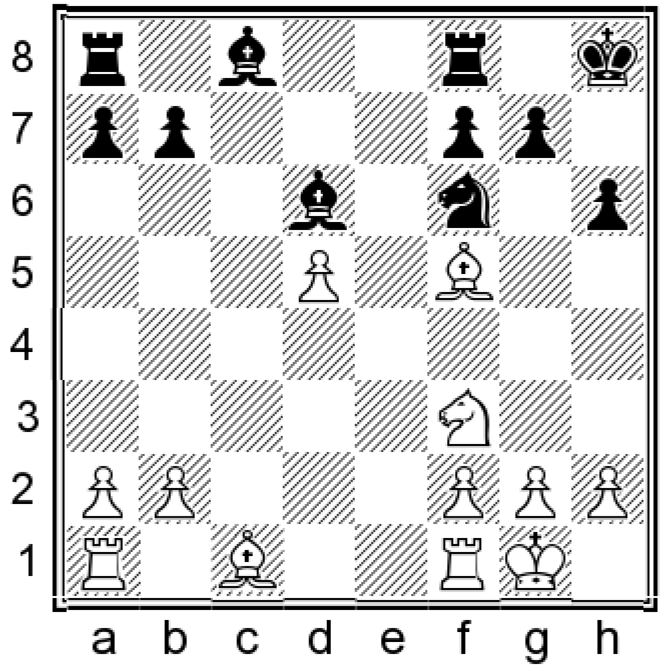
♘d5 12.ed5 h6



13.♘d4

[13.♖d1 ♘e5 14.♘d4 ♗g4 was seen in a recent top game, where White was on the verge of getting himself into some trouble: 15.♗e2 ♖c8N (RR 15...♖e8 Pashikian 2604 – Hovhannisyan 2599, Yerevan 2015) 16.♕b3 ♖e8 17.♗f4 ♕f6 18.♗g3 ♗e2 19.♘e2 h5 20.♘d4 h4 21.♗e5 ♖e5 22.h3 ♖e4 23.♕b7 ♖b8 24.♕a7 ♖b2∓ Navara 2730 – Karjakin 2769, Wijk aan Zee 2016]

13...♕h4 14.♘f3 ♕h5 15.♗h7 ♔h8 16.♕f5 ♕f5 17.♗f5 ♘f6



18.♗c8

[Maxime Vachier-Lagrave had this position twice last year. One game went 18.♗c2 b6 (RR 18...♗g4 Ivan Sokolov 2665 – Piket 2570, Nussloch 1996 – 66/379) 19.♗a4N (RR 19.♗b3 Ivanisevic 2636 – Beliavsky 2617, Porto Carras 2011;

19.♖d1 Mamedyarov 2753 – Anand 2786, Moscow 2013) 19...♗b7 20.♗c6 ♗c6 21.dc6 ♖ac8 22.♗e3 ♖c6= Vachier-Lagrave 2723 – Giri 2773 Stavanger 2015]

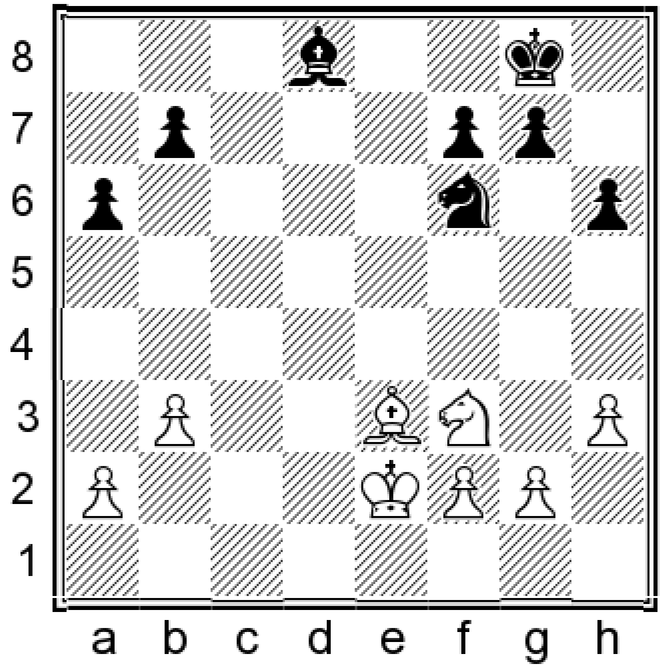
18...♖fc8 19.♖d1 ♖d8 20.♗e3 ♗e7 21.d6 ♖d6 22.♖d6
[The other game went 22.♖e1 ♗d8N (RR 22...♗f8 Vachier-Lagrave 2722 – Anand 2783, Paris/Saint Petersburg 2013) 23.♔f1 ♔g8 24.♖ad1 ♖d1 25.♖d1 ♗c7 26.♗d4 ♘e8 27.♔e2 a6 28.♗c3 ♘d6 29.♖d5 f6 30.♔d3 ♖e8 31.♗d4 ♔f7 32.♗e3 ½:½ Vachier Lagrave 2754 – Giri 2776, Khanty-Mansiysk 2015]

22...♗d6 23.♖d1 ♗c7N
[RR 23...♘e8 Al-Sayed 2530 – Gaponenko 2393, Gibraltar 2016]

24.♔f1 a6 25.h3 ♔g8
[25...♖e8=]

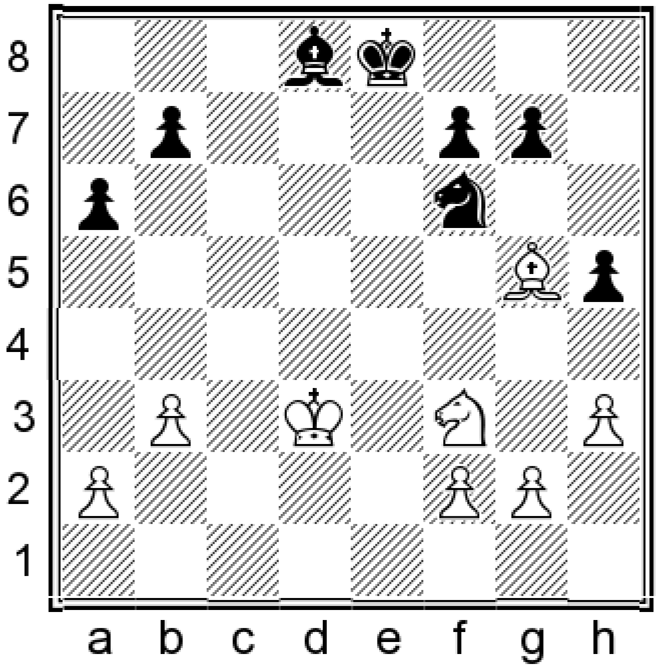
26.b3 ♖d8?! There is no need at all for Black to rush with this rook swap.
[26...♖e8 was better.]

27.♖d8 ♗d8 28.♔e2



28...h5??
Black’s sense of danger fails him here... He was simply waiting for the 30th move to pass and and then offer a draw in order to get this “boring” game over with!
[Better choices were 28...Kf8 or 28...♘d5]

29.♗g5 ♔f8 30.♔d3 ♔e8



31.♗f6!±

With this White gets a space advantage, due to his better placed king. Also White’s knight actually dominates the black bishop.

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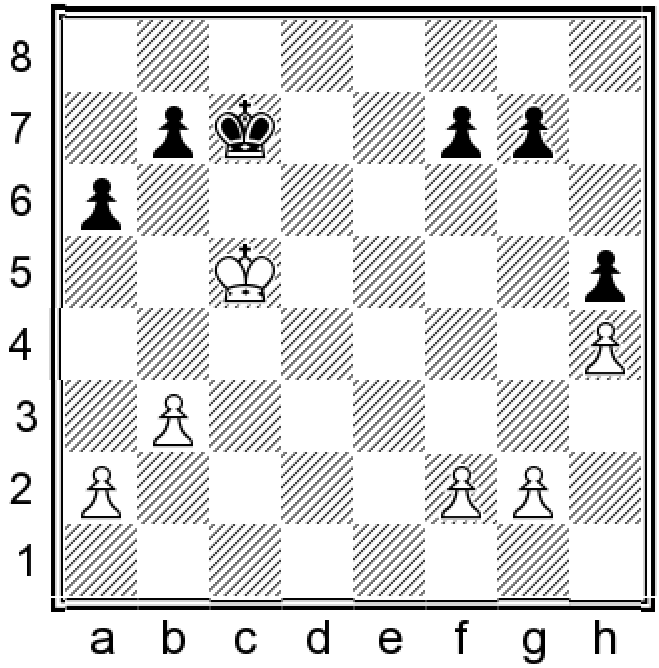
31...♗f6 32.♔e4 ♗d8 33.♘e5 ♔e7 34.♔d5 ♗b6 35.♘d3 ♔d7 36.♘c5 ♗c5? 37.♔c5 ♔c7 38.h4
Now it’s a winning pawn endgame for White!



38...♔d7 39.♔b6
White easily out-tempos Black in this endgame.

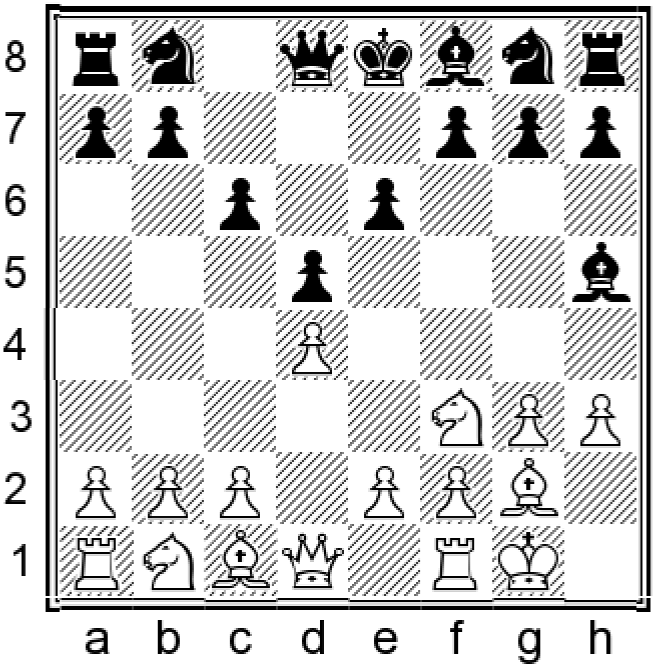
39...♔c8 40.b4 ♔b8 41.f3 ♔c8 42.g4 hg4 43.fg4 ♔b8 44.h5 f6 45.a4 ♔c8 46.♔a7 ♔c7 47.b5 a5 48.♔a8
1 : 0 Ivan Sokolov

In both these Opens, the runners-up were the “usual suspects” who in the end could only be separated by a tie-break. Qatar saw Yu Yangui repeat his excellent performance of the previous year – thus making it a shared first placing for two years in a row! However, in Gibraltar, Yu had rather run out of steam and really needed a break after the super-strong event in Doha.

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave has a very effective style for an Open tournament – a combination of strong dynamic play, excellent practical decision-making, and good opening preparation! Maxime’s shared first in Gibraltar seemed like an easy ride.

D11
Vachier-Lagrave 2785 — Gunina 2496
Gibraltar 2016

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.♗g2 ♗g4 4.0-0 e6 5.h3 ♗h5 6.d4

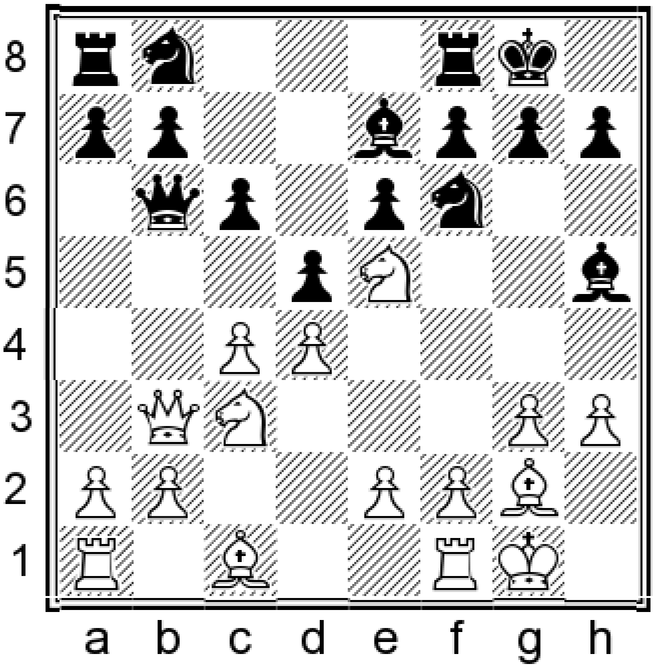


Maxime Vachier-Lagrave has recently adopted this as his pet line and actually been reaching quite promising positions. It is not easy to recommend a clear-cut route to equality for Black as White seems to be a bit better everywhere.

6...♘d7

Black develops her ♘b8 and will decide later what to do about the development of the ♘g8 and ♗f8.

[6...♘f6, leaving the queen’s knight on b8, is another possibility, however it does not seem to fully equalize for Black. 7.c4 ♗e7 8.♘c3 (With the black knight still on b8, 8.cd5 cd5= does not promise White any advantage.) 8...0-0 9.♕b3 ♕b6 10.♘e5



Maxime Vachier-Lagrave

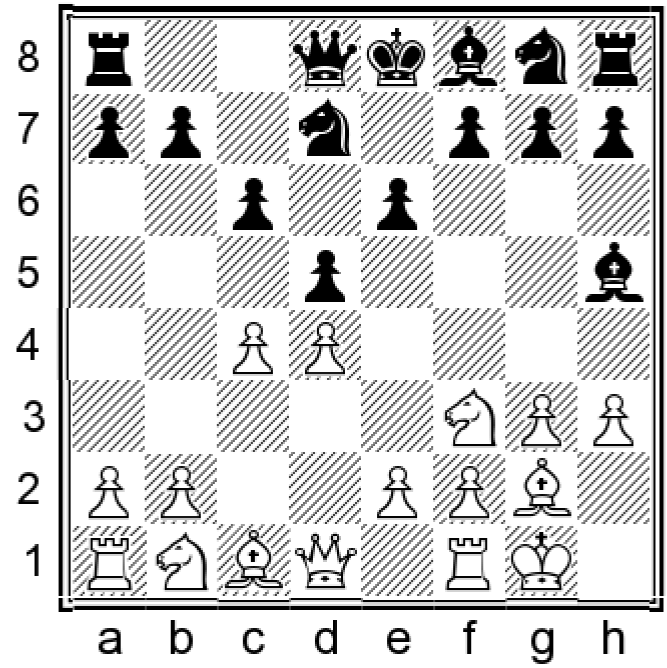
10...♘fd7 (10...♘bd7?N blunders a piece to 11.g4! ♗g6 12.g5 ♘e5 13.gf6 ♗f6 14.de5 ♗e5± Lagno 2523 – Schneider 2481, Berlin 2015) 11.cd5 (RR 11.♕b6 N.

G. Larsen – Eife, corr. 2012) 11...♕b3 (11...ed5? runs into the tactical trick 12.♘d5! cd5 13.♕d5 ♘e5 14.♕e5 and White emerges a pawn up.) 12.ab3 ed5 White should be better here. It’s a matter of taste, but either 13.f4 or the main line 13.g4 look good for White.

A) 13.f4 ♘e5 (13...f6? 14.♘d5±) 14.de5 d4 (14...♗c5 15.♔h2 f5 16.♘d5 cd5 17.♗d5 ♖f7 18.e4±) 15.g4 dc3 16.gh5 cb2 17.♗b2±;

B) 13.g4
B1) 13...♗g6 14.♘g6 hg6 15.e4± de4 16.♗e4 (or 16.♘e4 ♘a6 17.d5 cd5 18.♘c3±);
B2) 13...♘e5 14.gh5 ♘ed7 15.h6 g6 16.e4↑]

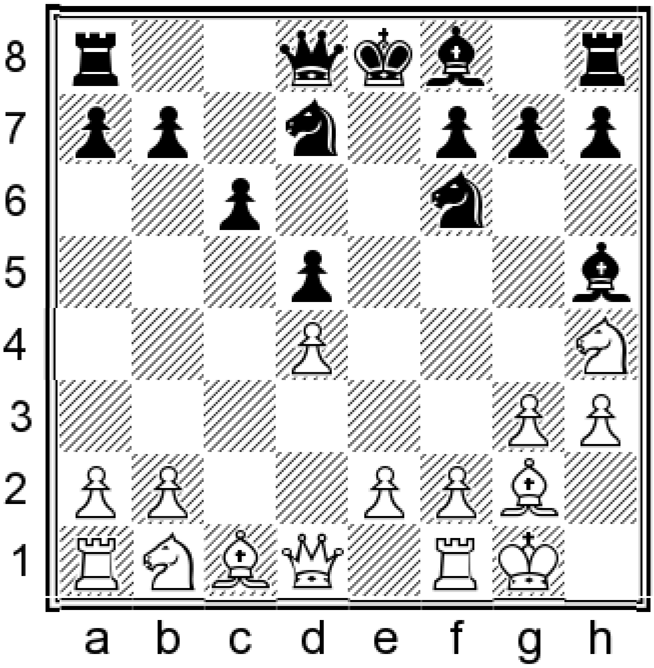
7.c4



7...♗e7

[7...♘gf6 8.cd5 ed5 (With the black queen’s knight now already developed on d7, 8...cd5 does not equalize for Black as demonstrated by the following excellent play by Erdos: 9.♘c3 ♗d6 10.♕b3 ♕b6 11.♕b6 ♘b6 12.♘b5 ♗b8 13.g4 ♗g6 14.♘e5 ♘bd7 15.♘g6 hg6 16.♗d2 ♘b6 17.♖fc1 ♔d7 18.♗a5 ♘e8 19.b3 ♘d6 20.♘c3 ♖c8 21.e3 ♗c7 22.♘e2 ♘e8 23.a4 ♔d8 24.♗d2 ♘d7 25.e4 de4 26.♗e4 ♖ab8 27.♗g2 ♘b6 28.♘f4 ♘d6 29.♘d3 ♘d5 30.♗d5 ed5 31.♖c5 f6 32.♗f4 ♔d7 33.♖ac1 b6 34.♖d5 ♖d8 35.♘b4 ♖bc8 36.♘a6 ♔e6 37.♘c7 1 : 0 Erdos 2651 – Berczes 2482, Zalakaros 2014)

A) 9.♘h4 was my game against Maxime, but Black’s play can be improved:

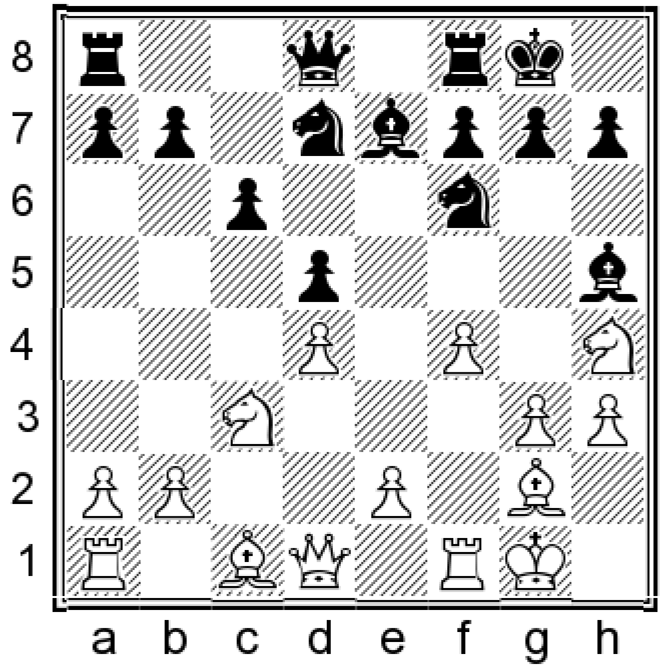


A1) 9...♘e4 10.♘c3 ♘d6 11.♗f4 ♘b6 12.♕d3 ♗e7 13.♗d6 ♗h4 (13...♗d6 14.e4±) and now I had a bit of luck: 14.♗e5 (14.♗c5! was more precise and would have led to a clear advantage for White as Black has problems with castling. 14...♗e7 15.e4 ♗g6 16.♕e2 de4 17.♗e4 ♘d7 18.♖fe1 ♘c5 19.dc5±) 14...♗g6 15.♕f3 ♗f6 16.♗f6 ♕f6 17.♕f6 gf6± and later I managed to save this inferior endgame. Vachier-Lagrave 2754 – Ivan Sokolov 2623 France 2015;
A2) 9...♗g6! brings Black very close to equality: 10.♘c3 (10.♘g6 hg6 11.♕b3 ♕b6 12.♕e3 ♗e7 13.♘c3 ♕d8=) 10...♗e7 11.♘g6 hg6 Vachier-Lagrave 2742 – Balogh 2630 Warsaw 2013);

B) 9.♕b3! is Maxime’s latest try and looks a bit better for White: 9...♕b6 10.♕e3 ♗e7 11.♘h4 ♗g6 12.♘c3 ♔f8N (RR 12...♘f8 Gutman 2441 – Bluebaum 2513, Dresden 2013) 13.♘g6 hg6 14.♕d3± ♖e8 15.♖b1 ♔g8 16.b4 a6 17.♖e1 ♘f8 18.e4 de4 19.♘e4 ♘e4 20.♖e4 ♕d8 and now Maxime missed 21.d5!± (21.♕e2± Vachier-Lagrave 2758 – Kramnik 2777, Berlin (blitz) 2015) 21...♘e6 (21...cd5 22.♖d4±; 21...♖h5 22.d6 ♗f6 23.♖e8 ♕e8 24.♗e3±) 22.♖e3 cd5 23.♕d5±]

8.cd5 ed5 9.♘c3 ♘gf6 Now Maxime goes for his standard plan, which was also seen in his games against Balogh and me, given above.

10.♘h4 0-0 11.f4±



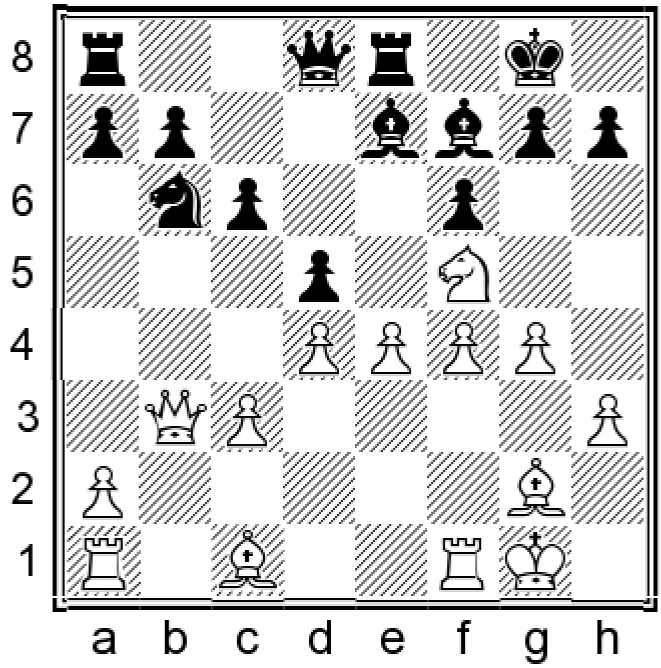
11...♘e4N

[Forced, as if 11...h6? 12.g4 ♘e4 13.♘f5 ♘c3 14.bc3 ♗g6 15.♘e7 ♕e7 16.f5±; RR 11...♘e8 V. Zelovic – P. De Jong, corr. 2007]

12.♘f5

[The computer is initially enthusiastic about 12.♗e4, however after 12...de4 (12...♗h4? blunders a piece to 13.♗b1!) 13.♘f5 ♗b4 matters are far from clear 14.g4 ♗g6 15.♘g3 ♗c3 16.bc3 f5∞]

12...♘c3 13.bc3 f6 14.♕b3 ♘b6 15.e4 ♖e8 16.g4 ♗f7



Now White faces an important strategic decision – to swap or not to swap his ♘f5 for opponent's bishop on e7?

17.♘e7

[17.e5 ♗f8 18.♘e3 looks quite promising to me, though the computer gives just a small advantage.]

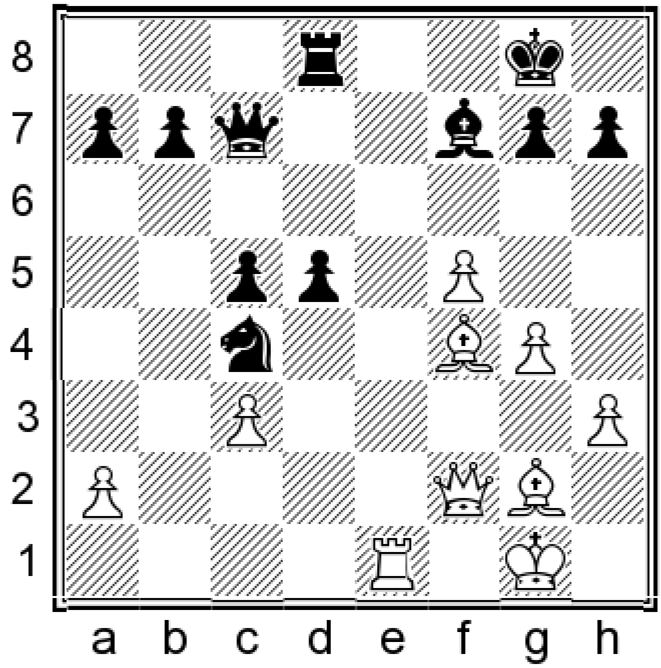
17...♕e7 18.e5 ♘c4 19.♕c2

The decision to allow the following central pawn structure was far from forced, but Black is looking for counterplay.

19...fe5 20.de5 ♖ad8 21.♕f2 c5 22.♖e1 ♕c7

In order to develop his initiative further, Maxime now goes for a pawn sacrifice.
[22...d4?? 23.e6+–]

23.f5!? ♖e5 24.♗f4 ♖e1 25.♖e1



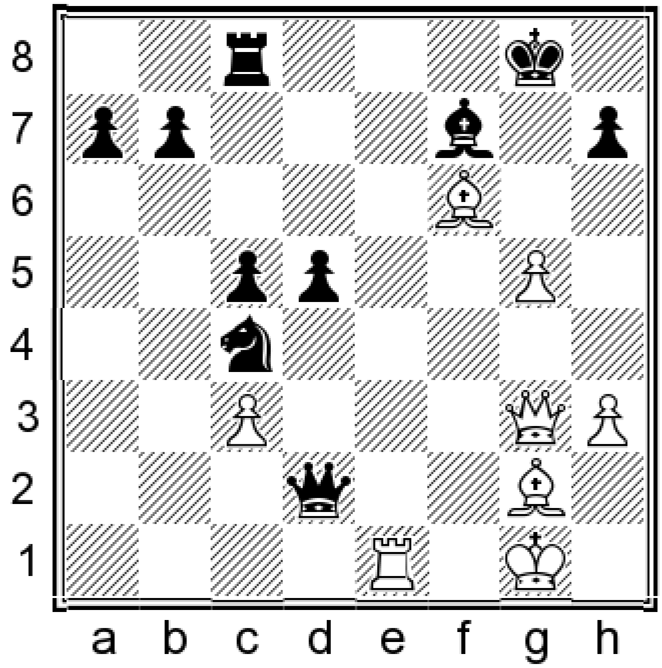
25...♕a5 Snatching another pawn has its logic. Black is under attack and at least wants to grab some material.
[25...♘d6 was apparently also critical. Subjecting himself to such a pin looks suspect to me, however the engines give many 0.00 lines. Play might continue 26.♕h4 ♖d7

A) 27.f6 ♕d8 28.♖e7 (28.g5!?) 28...♖e7 29.fe7 ♕b6;

B) 27.♖e6 27...c4!]

26.♕g3 [26.♖e7 also looks good for White.]

26...♕a2 27.♗g5 ♖c8 28.f6 gf6 29.♗f6 ♕d2 30.g5



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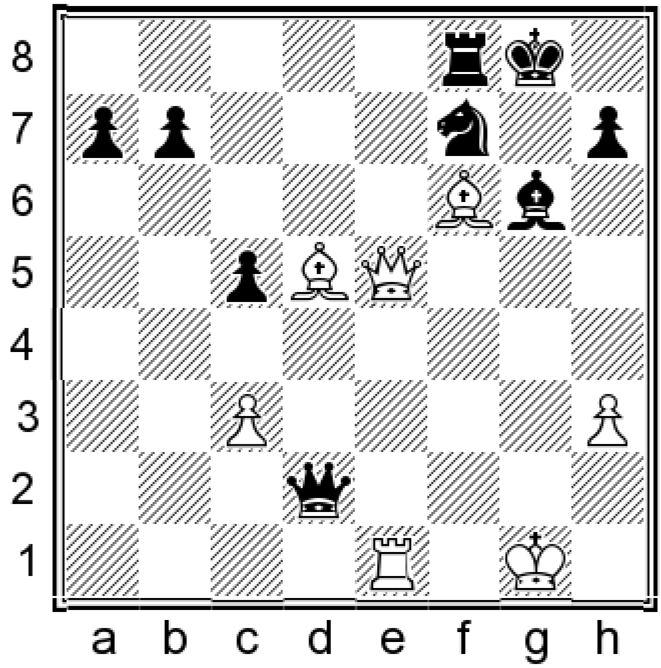
A critical moment in the game!

30...♘d6 After this Maxime seizes his chance in excellent style!
[Black could have stayed in the game with 30...♖e8! 31.♖e8 ♗e8 32.♕c7 ♕e3 33.♔h2 ♗f7]

31.g6!!+– This opens up the black king position and gives White a devastating attack.
31...♗g6
[31...hg6 32.♕h4]

32.♕e5 ♖f8
[32...♗f7 33.♖e2!+– (33.♗g5 ♘c4 34.♗d2 ♘e5 35.♖e5 “only” wins a piece.) 33...♕d1 (33...♕d3 34.♗f1) 34.♔h2;
32...♖e8 33.♗d5 ♗f7 34.♕e8 ♘e8 35.♖e8]

33.♗d5 ♘f7



34.♗g5!!
[Δ 35.♗h6]
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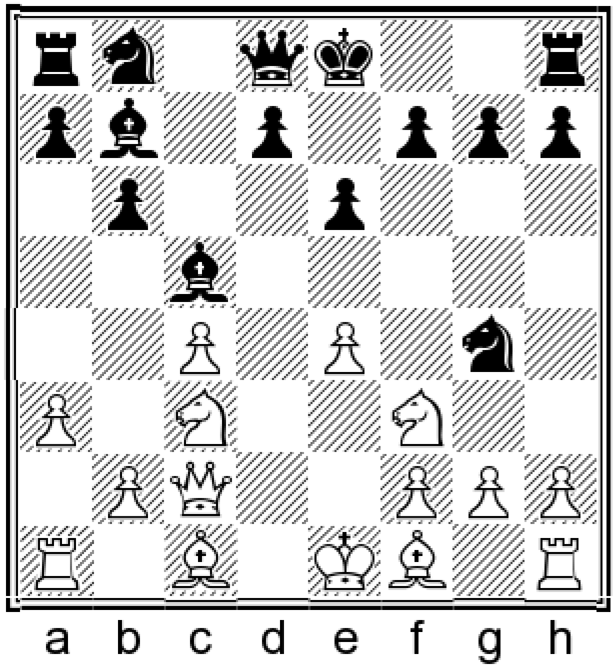
The varying fortunes of Shakhriyar Mamedyarov

In Qatar my personal favourite was Shakhriyar Mamedyarov. His attractive and daring games were simply a pleasure to watch.

E12
Mamedyarov 2748 — Khismatullin 2654
Doha 2015

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♗a6 5.♕c2 ♗b7 6.♘c3 c5 7.e4 cd4 8.♘d4 ♗c5 9.♘f3!?
[9.♘b3 is the main line.]

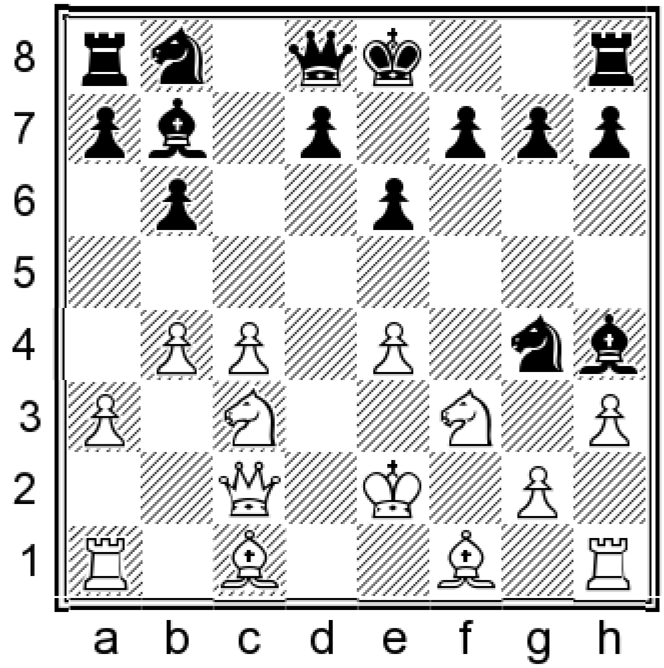
9...♘g4
[Arguably the most principled reaction for Black, though 9...♘c6 10.b4 has been seen in a number of top games.]



10.b4!?N This ingenious novelty steers the conflict into extreme complications.

[However, analyzing this game in the Sharjah chess club with Omar Noaman, one of the best UAE players, we came up with another new and interesting idea for White: 10.h3!? ♘f2 11.♖h2 is definitely worth exploring further as White certainly has compensation! Our analysis produced many interesting ideas for White, but I will not go into them here as this is not a theoretical article. Nevertheless players willing to invest time and effort will surely be rewarded if they carry out their own personal analysis of this unusual position. Alternatively 10.♗g5 is the quiet way to continue and indeed a move already seen in practice. Then 10...f6 11.♗h4 ♘c6 12.b4 (12.0-0-0!? 0-0 13.♔b1 a5 14.h3 ♘ge5 15.♘e5 ♘e5 16.f4 ♘c6 17.g4 might be an improvement for White.) 12...♗e7 13.♖d1 0-0 14.♗e2 ♘ge5 15.0-0 ♘f3 16.♗f3 a5∓ Krasenkow 2635 – Baklan 2636, France 2014]

10...♗f2 11.♔e2 ♗h4 12.h3

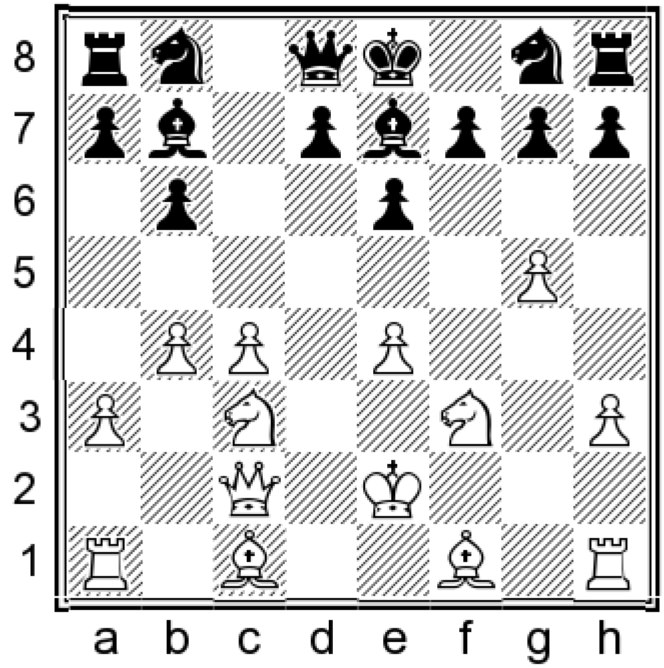


White opening objective has been achieved. A wild and unorthodox position is reached after only a dozen moves and there is clearly a tactical tussle in prospect. In fact the position is very difficult to analyze, although undoubtedly the price of each move is very high here! Initially, computer engines tend to underestimate White's compensation but in such positions Mamedyarov's tactical talent reaches its full potential.

12...♘h6

[12...♘f6!? is a computer-like tactical solution. Play might then continue 13.♘h4 ♘h5 14.♘f3 ♘g3 15.♔e1 ♘h1 16.♗f4 when White obviously has some compensation for his sacrificed material. But it would be interesting to know how deeply all this was analyzed by Mamedyarov or indeed how much of it might be attributed to pure bluff.]

13.g4 ♗e7 14.g5 ♘g8



The position is still crazy, although White definitely has compensation for his pawn deficit and unorthodox king position. Whether such a scenario will attract any followers remains to be seen. Given the run of play, it seems to me that Shakhriyar’s preparation finished around here with the conclusion: “It looks messy but I’m sure I will find something!”

15.♗f4 a6 16.♖d1 h6 17.g6 f5 18.♘e5 ♕c7 19.♗h2

[Another solution is 19.♕d2∞ as after 19...♘f6 (19...♗f6 leads to immense complications: 20.♘d5! ♗d5 21.♘f7 ♗c4 22.♔f2 e5 23.♗c4) 20.♘f7 ♕c4 21.♔e1 White’s queen is no longer involved in a pin on the c-file. On the other hand, in these lines White does not have the option of playing ♖d3.]

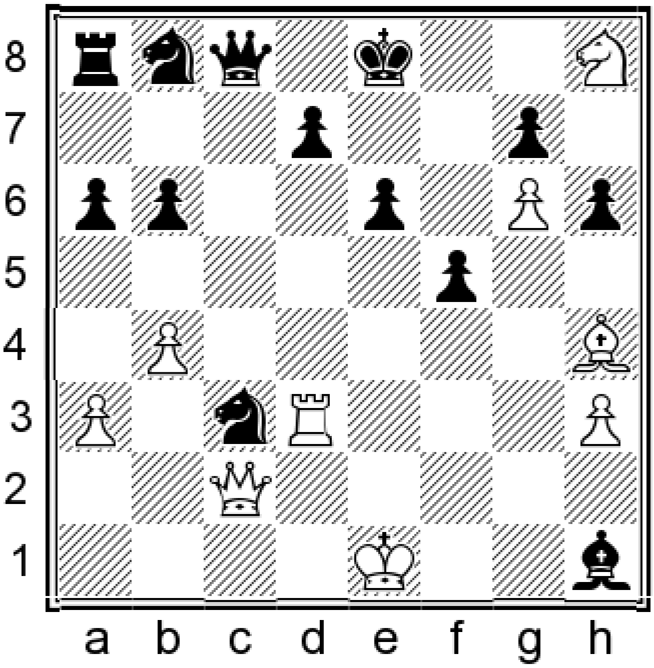
19...♘f6

[19...♗f6 20.♘f7 ♕c4 21.♖d3+–]

20.♘f7 ♕c4 21.♔e1 ♕c8 22.♗g2

[If 22.♘h8? ♗e4 wins.]

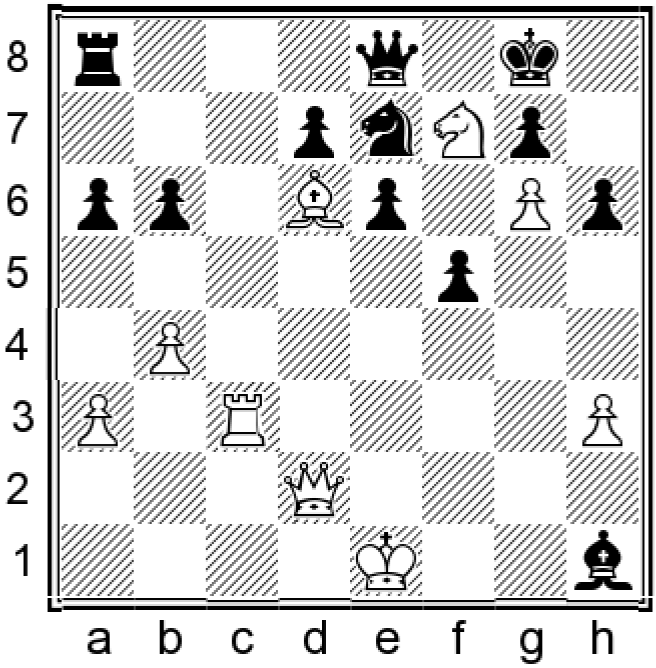
22...♘e4 23.♘h8 ♘c3 24.♖d3 ♗h4 25.♗g3 ♗g2 26.♗h4 ♗h1



27.♘f7

[27.♖c3 ♘c6 28.♕h2 ♗d5 29.♕d6 ♖a7 30.♗g3∞]

27...♔f8 28.♖c3 ♘c6 29.♗g3 ♕e8 30.♗d6 ♔g8 31.♕d2 ♘e7



32.♘h6 gh6

[32...♔h8 33.♘f7 ♔g8 34.♕g5 ♘g6 35.♘e5 ♘e5 36.♗e5 ♕f7 37.♖g3 ♔f8 38.♕h4 is decisive.]

33.♕h6 ♕g6 34.♖g3 ♔f7 35.♖g6 ♘g6 36.♕h7 ♔f6 37.h4 ♘f8 38.♗e7

An amazing game! However, without diligent computer work it is not easy to identify where exactly Khismatullin went wrong!

1 : 0 Ivan Sokolov

DOHA, XII 2015
The Qatar Masters Open

(132 players, 9 rounds)

1—2. M. Carlsen, Yu Yangyi 7, 3—7. V. Kramnik, Sergey Karjakin, Sjugirov, Ni Hua, Ivanchuk 6½, 8—17. A. Giri, Xu Yinglun, S. Ganguly, P. Harikrishna, R. Ponomariov, Vl. Akopian, J.-K. Duda, Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son, Vitiugov, S. P. Sethuraman 6, 18—39. W. So, Li Chao, Mamedyarov, D. Świercz, Zhang Zhong, Wojtaszek, Piorun, D. Howell, A. Ipatov, D. Naroditsky, Matlakov, D. Jakovenko, Grandelius, A. Korobov, Bologan, Lin Chen, Lu Shanglei, S. Vidit, Vl. Fedoseev, D. Khismatullin, Hou Yifan, Sasikiran 5½, etc.

Tie Break (blitz):

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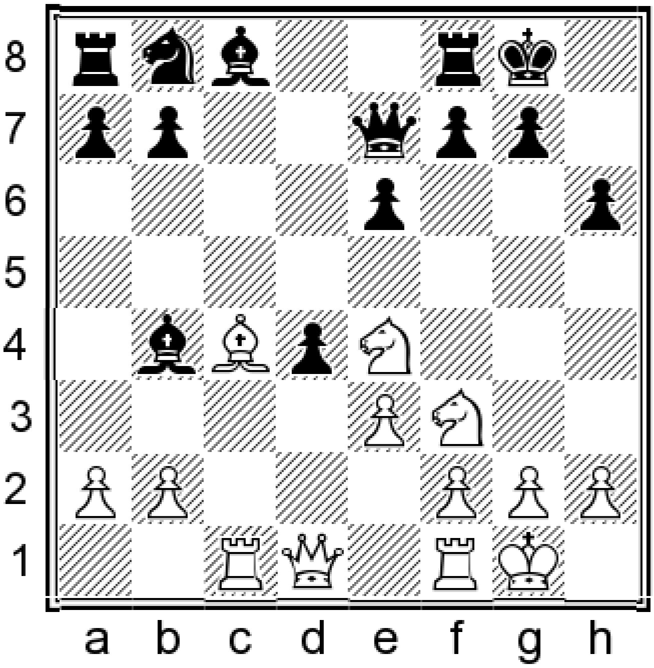
M. CARLSEN	g	2834	1	1	2
YU YANGYI	g	2736	0	0	0

D39
Mamedyarov 2748 — Carlsen 2834
Doha 2015

On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗f6 ♕f6 7.e3 0-0 8.♖c1 dc4 9.♗c4 c5 10.0-0 cd4 11.♘e4 ♕e7



12.ed4

A tricky strategic decision by Mamedyarov. From a practical standpoint, opting for an isolated pawn position and thereby giving Magnus a strategic target is probably a wrong decision in itself. Apart from this, Black has been scoring very well after 12.ed4. In fact the position is easier to play for Black and also to be taken into consideration is the fact that White does not have a safety net – such as easy liquidation or anything close to it. This wrong practical and strategic decision by Shakhriyar will be the cause of his downfall and decide the Qatar Masters Open. It would be interesting to know whether his decision was a consequence of nerves, a matter of misjudgement or even some flaw in preparation. Now Carlsen will handle matters with an iron fist.

[White has been doing better with 12.♘d4 and without really taking any risks; keeping the pawn structure intact with 12.a3 ♗a5 13.♕d4 is also risk free and in fact worked out well for White in Li Chao 2750 – Matlakov 2689, Skopje 2015]

12...♖d8

[RR 12...♘c6 Benjamin 2591 – Serper 2587, Foxwoods 2000 – 78/407]

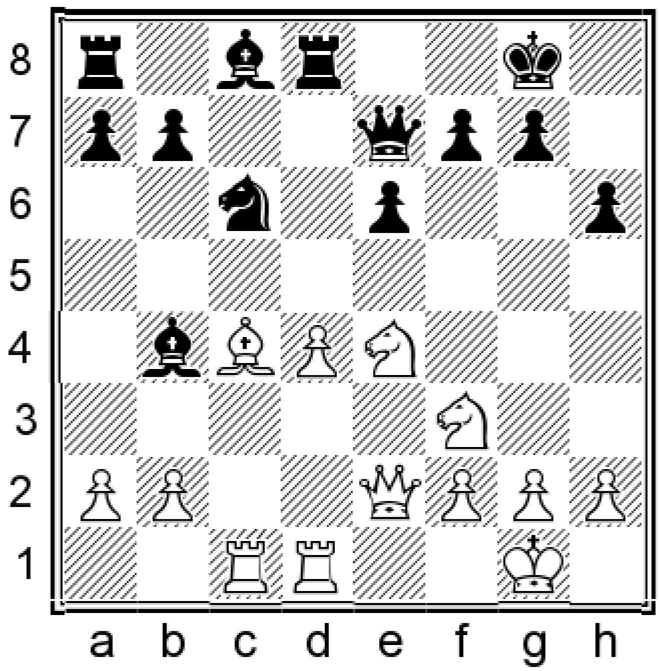
13.♕e2

Black has demonstrated different ways of obtaining a good game from this position. In each of these cases play has looked relatively simple for Black, which makes it really hard to understand what exactly Shakhriyar was aiming or hoping for here.

13...♘c6

[13...♗d7 14.♘e5 (RR 14.a3 Tregubov 2628 – Aleksandrov 2610, Yugoslavia 2001 – 81/353) 14...♘c6 15.♖fd1 ♗e8 16.♕e3 ♘e5 17.de5 ♖d1 18.♖d1 ♖d8 19.♖d4 ♗c6∓ E. L'Ami 2615 – Giri 2696, Netherlands (ch) 2012]

14.♖fd1



14...♗a5!

[14...♗d7 15.♗d3 (RR 15.a3 ♗a5 16.♘c5 ♗e8 17.b4 ½ : ½ Gulko 2601 – Serper 2558, USA (ch) 2002 – 84/(346) 15...♗e8 was seen in one earlier Mamedyarov game which went 16.♗b1 ♗a5 17.♘c5 ♗b6 18.a3 ♗c5 19.♕c2 f5 20.♕c5 ♕c5 21.♖c5 ♖d6 and White ultimately won, although this was not a consequence of any particularly successful opening play. Mamedyarov 2761 – Wang Hao 2727, Moscow 2010]

15.♘g3

[15.♘c3 ♗d7 16.♗d3 ♗e8 17.♕e4 f5 18.♕e3 ♗h5 19.♘e2 ♗f3 20.♕f3 ♘d4 (20...♗b6∓) 21.♘d4 ♖d4 22.♗f5= Vachier-Lagrave 2766 – Hou Yifan 2629, Biel 2014]

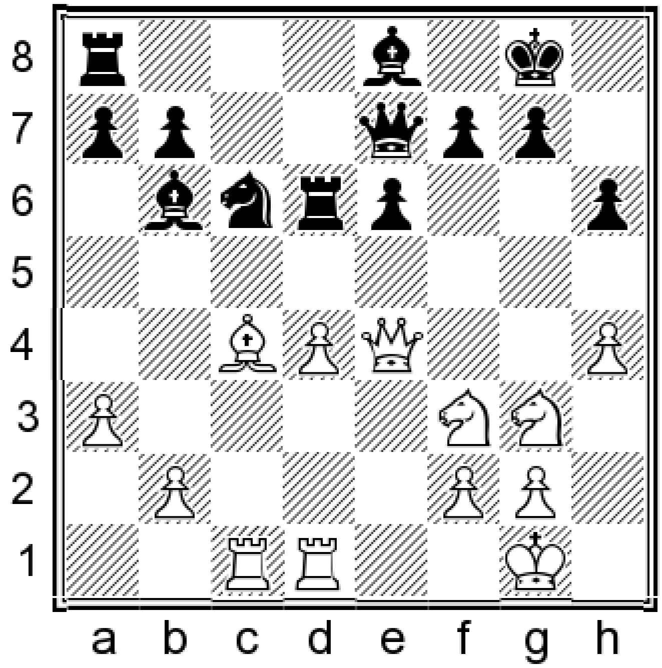
15...♗b6 16.♕e4 ♗d7

White does not have enough resources to offset his vulnerable d4 pawn and therefore cannot achieve a position of dynamic balance. Perhaps his only hope is to simplify down to an inferior endgame.

17.h4N

[17.♘h5 ♗e8 18.♕g4 g6 19.♘g3 ♖ac8∓ was Shimanov 2589 – Matlakov 2685 Khanty-Mansiysk 2014; Nor does liquidating in the centre with 17.d5 ed5 18.♗d5 promise White any guarantee of a draw – otherwise I guess Mamedyarov would have had gone for this.]

17...♗e8 18.a3 ♖d6



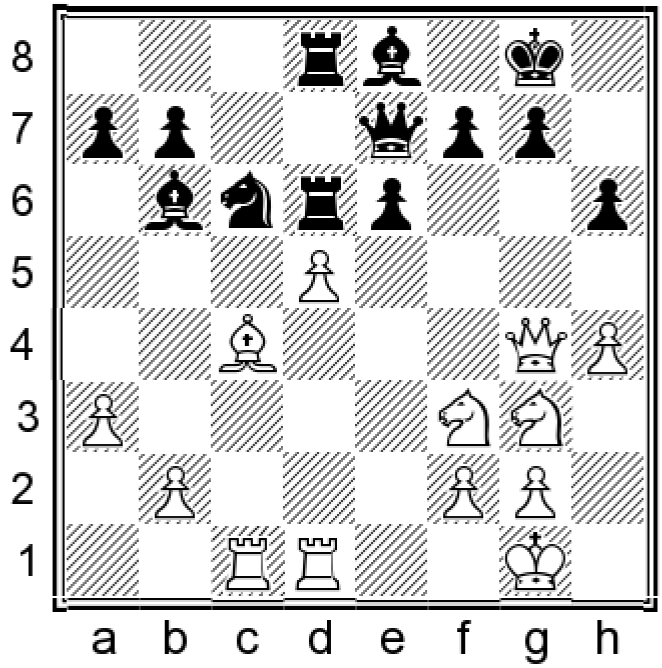
This position is difficult to play for White. Black has an obvious strategic target, whereas White does not have any realistic prospects of a successful kingside attack, nor indeed any safety net...

19.♕g4?!

[Again, White probably had to liquidate with 19.d5 ed5 20.♖d5 ♕e4 21.♘e4 ♖d5 22.♗d5 ♖d8 and hope to make a draw in the forthcoming endgame.]

19...♖ad8 The ease with which Carlsen has outplayed Mamedyarov with the black pieces is remarkable! In a bad situation Shakhriyar can now only hope for a tactical miracle.

20.d5



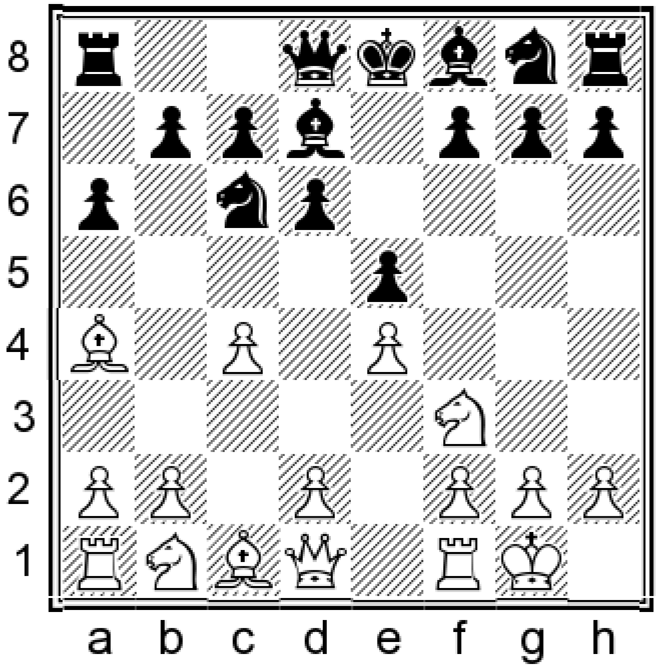
20...♕f8! 21.♕e4 ♘e7! 22.♗d3 f5–+ 23.♕e5 ♘d5 24.♗f5? Desperation in a lost position.

24...ef5 25.♘f5 ♖c6
0 : 1 Ivan Sokolov

C72
Sjugirov 2646 — Mamedyarov 2748
Doha 2015

1.e4 Most probably still in a state of shock after his loss to Carlsen in the previous round, Mamedyarov opts for a system he knows inside out.

1...e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 d6 5.0-0 ♗d7 6.c4



An interesting moment. 6.c4 is not the most popular choice for White against this Neo-Steinitz line, but Shakhriyar comes up with an enterprising idea for Black.

6...g5!?
A similar idea has been seen in some closed Sicilians, such as the Rossolimo, for example. Though not exactly a novelty, in the present position this daring pawn push has in fact been seen only once before! As Black, I have also pushed the g-pawn two squares in similar positions, however in this particular Neo-Steinitz line it came as a refreshing new idea which was fully in keeping with Mamedyarov’s generally inspired play in Qatar.

7.♗c6!?
Surprised by the novelty, Sjugirov makes a rather unusual decision! Normally White players hesitate to give up their bishop so readily – and certainly not this early. Now Black has to make a difficult decision.
[The single game played previously with this line continued 7.d3 h6 (7...g4!?) 8.♘c3 ♘ge7 9.♗e3 ♗g7 10.♘d5 0-0 11.♖e1 f5 12.♘e7 ♘e7 (12...♕e7, preserving the King’s Indian type of light-squared attacking bishop, looks good for Black.) 13.♗d7 ♕d7 14.ef5 ♘f5= ½:½ R. Bogdanovic – Gurgenidze, Tbilisi 1965]

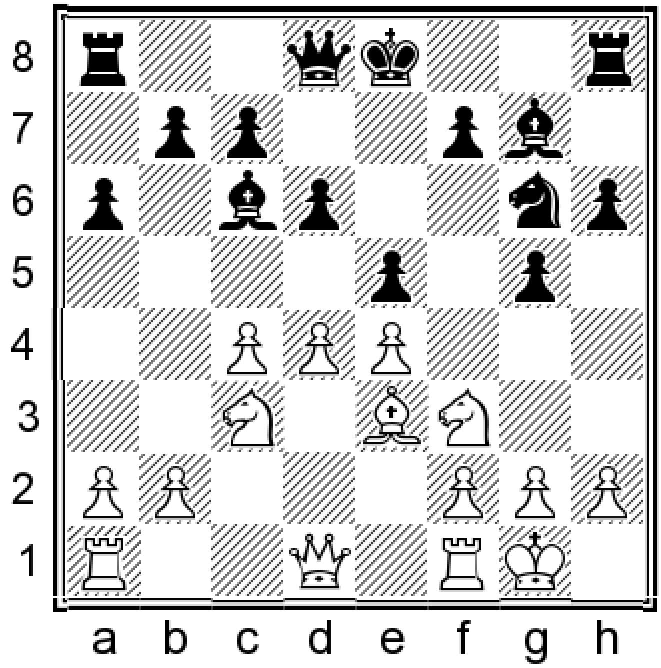
7...♗c6
[7...bc6∞ has its advantages. The central d5 square is covered and Black, with his bishop on d7, is ready for an immediate ...g4 pawn push.]

8.♘c3 ♗g7 9.d3 h6 10.♗e3 ♘e7 11.d4
We have something which resembles a strange KID. Black now has to decide whether or not to go for the advance ...f7-

f5.

11...♘g6

[Mamedyarov probably feared an inferior KID type of position after 11...f5 12.de5 de5 13.♕e2 (13.♕b3 0-0 14.♖ad1 ♕e8 15.♗c5 ♖f7∞) 13...0-0 14.♖ad1 ♕e8 15.♗c5±]



12.de5!N

A clever and yet objective decision by Sjugirov. As seen in lively KID types of counterplay, White’s aim is to steer the game into one of two possible results. Indeed this two results situation is something Mamedyarov will find psychologically difficult to handle in this game!

[12.d5 ♗d7∞ leads to the type of play Black would like to get: 13.c5 f5 (13...♘f4); RR 12.♘d5 M. Salm – Goubnitsky, corr. 1984]

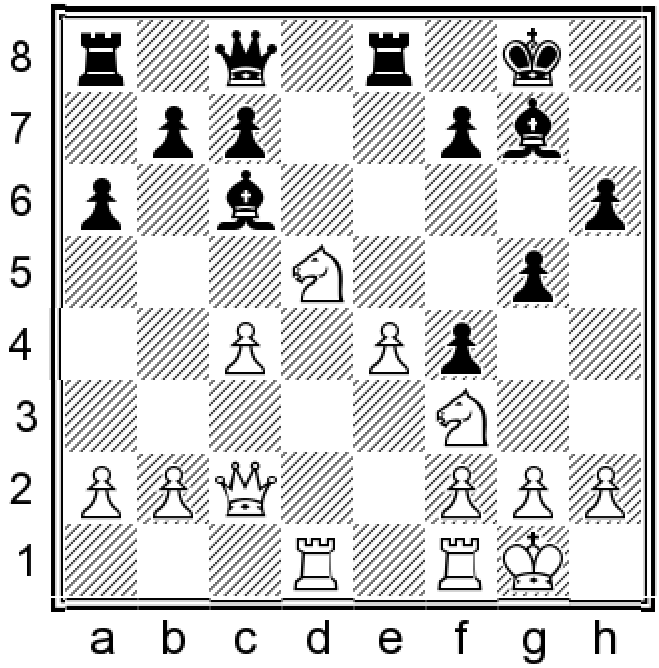
12...de5

[12...♘e5 may look more dynamic, but it does not equalize for Black as after 13.♘e5 ♗e5 14.♘d5 ♕d7 15.♖c1± his king is vulnerable.]

13.♕c2 0-0 14.♖ad1 ♕c8 15.♘d2

[White’s knight will soon return to f3, so an immediate 15.♘d5± looks more logical.]

15...♘f4 16.♗f4!? ef4 17.♘d5 ♖e8 18.♘f3



An important moment! Mamedyarov decides to delay making a crucial decision, like capturing on d5, and this marks the start of his troubles! In general he will instead try to avoid making any such decisions so that he does not have to rely on calculation. However this will ultimately be the cause of his downfall in this game. It is obvious from Shakhriyar's play that losing to Carlsen had clearly undermined his confidence!

18...♖b8?
[18...♗d5

A) 19.cd5 c6 20.d6 (20.dc6? ♕c6) 20...♕d7 looks fine for Black;

B) while 19.ed5 ♕d7= looks balanced after 20.h3 (20.♘d4 ♖e5) 20...♖ad8]

19.♘d4 ♗d7
[19...♗d5 20.cd5 c6 is no longer the same: 21.d6 ♕d7 22.♘f5→]

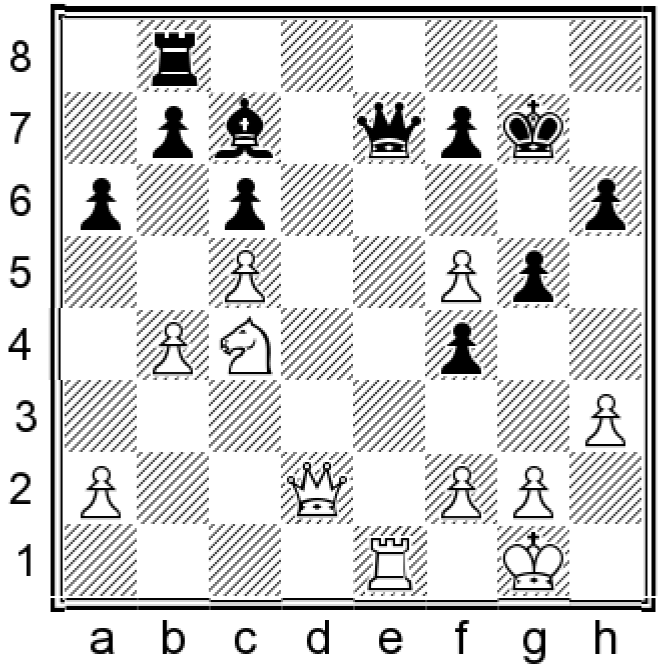
20.c5 ♗e6 21.♘f5 ♗f5

22.ef5
White has pressure, but with accurate defence Black should be able to hold the position. Indeed the fact that this is a two results game gives White a considerable advantage. It Black plays well he will most probably draw, but then again he might quite easily slip up and lose. From the human point of view, this psychological element is hard to handle in practical play and in fact Mamedyarov soon collapses!

22...♖e5 23.♖fe1 ♕e8?!
[The correct defence was 23...♖e1! 24.♖e1 ♕d8= and Black holds: 25.♖d1 c6 26.♘f4 (26.♘b6 ♕e7) 26...♕a5 (26...♕f6 27.♘h5 ♕b2) 27.♘h5 ♖e8]

24.♕d2 c6 25.♘b6 ♔h8 26.♖e5 ♗e5 27.♘c4 ♕e7 28.b4 ♔g7 29.h3 ♗c7?!
[29...♖e8!± was a better try, as after 30.♖e1 ♕f6= Black is saved by tactics: 31.♕c2 f3! 32.g3?? ♗g3–+ 33.♖e8 ♕a1]

30.♖e1



30...♕d8? The last mistake
[For better or worse Black had to go in for 30...♕f6 31.♕d7 ♕d8 32.♖e7 ♕d7 33.♖d7 b5! 34.cb6 ♗b6± 35.♔f1 c5]

31.♘d6+– ♗d6 32.cd6
The passed d-pawn decides

32...♕f6 33.d7 ♔f8 34.♕e2 ♖d8 35.♕e8 ♔g7 36.♖e7
1 : 0 Ivan Sokolov
So Carlsen and Nakamura fully justified their top seeding and wholly lived up to expectations. Both were mentally prepared for ten rounds of gruelling street fighting chess and had no trouble overcoming any initial hurdles. Curiously, both these players won a crucial game in exactly the same opening variation!

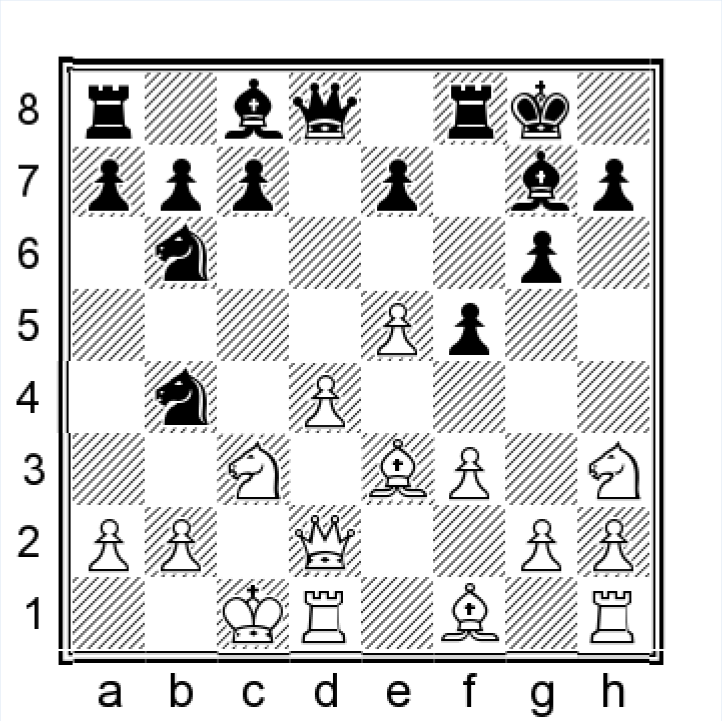
D70
Nakamura 2787 — Gupta 2613
Gibraltar 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3
There have been a couple of important games with this move, played by the winners of the Qatar and Gibraltar Opens, and here I will present both of them with my comments.

3...d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.e4 ♘b6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.♘c3 0-0 8.♕d2 e5

D70
Carlsen 2834 — Li chao 2750
Doha 2016

8...♘c6 was seen in a game played by the world champion in Qatar: **9.0-0-0 f5 10.e5 ♘b4 11.♘h3**

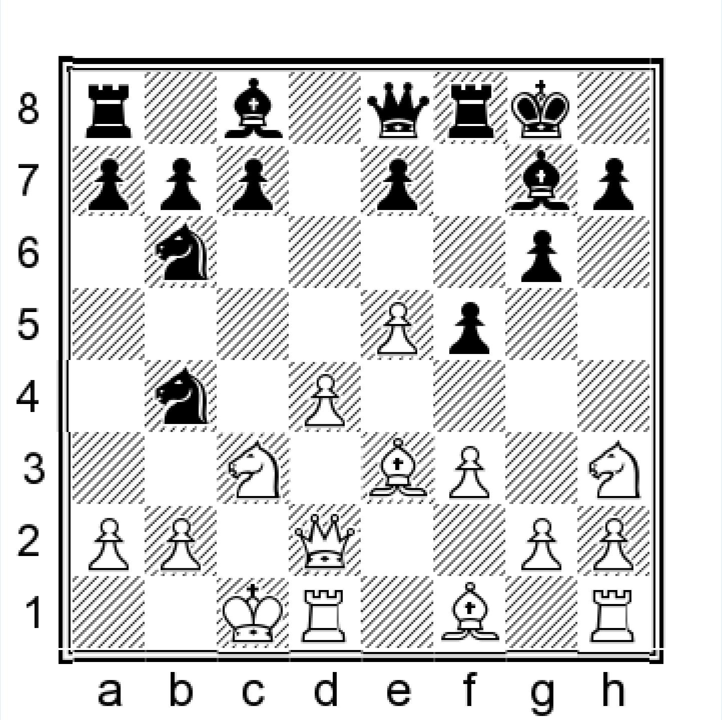


[11...♗e6 has been a frequent guest in top level tournaments. RR Motylev 2647 – Svidler 2728, Wijk aan Zee 2007 – 99/313;

11...a5 was played by Li Chao earlier in the year 12.a3 (12.♘f4 might be an improvement, as 12...g5 13.♘h5 f4 looks better for White, e.g. 14.♗f2 ♗f5 15.h4 ♕d5 16.b3 ♕c6 17.♔b2) 12...♘4d5 13.♘f4 ♘f4 14.♗f4 ♘d5N (RR 14...c6 Ding Liren 2637 – Li Chao 2646, China 2011) 15.h4 h5 16.♗c4 ♗e6 17.♗g5 c6 18.♔b1 ♘c3 19.♕c3 ♕d7 Le Quang Liem 2676 – Li Chao 2721, Ho Chi Minh City 2015;

11...♘4d5 12.♘f4 ♘f4 13.♗f4 c6 14.♗h6 ♗e6 15.h4→ was Gustafsson 2627 – Gopal 2584 Gibraltar 2010]

11...♕e8N

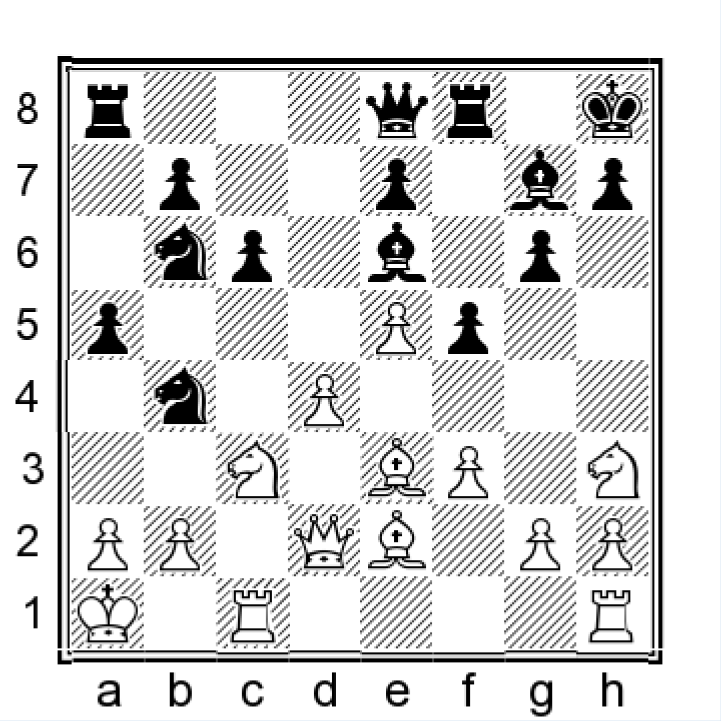


A novelty – at least according to my database.

12.♔b1 Typical Carlsen. First he wants to lead his king to safety (or a kind of safety) and then decide how to attack.

[12.♘f4 ♕f7 (12...g5 13.♘d3 ♘c4 14.♕e1 ♘e3 15.♕e3↑) 13.♔b1 g5 looks unclear.]

There followed **12...a5 13.♗e2 c6 14.♖c1 ♔h8 15.♔a1 ♗e6**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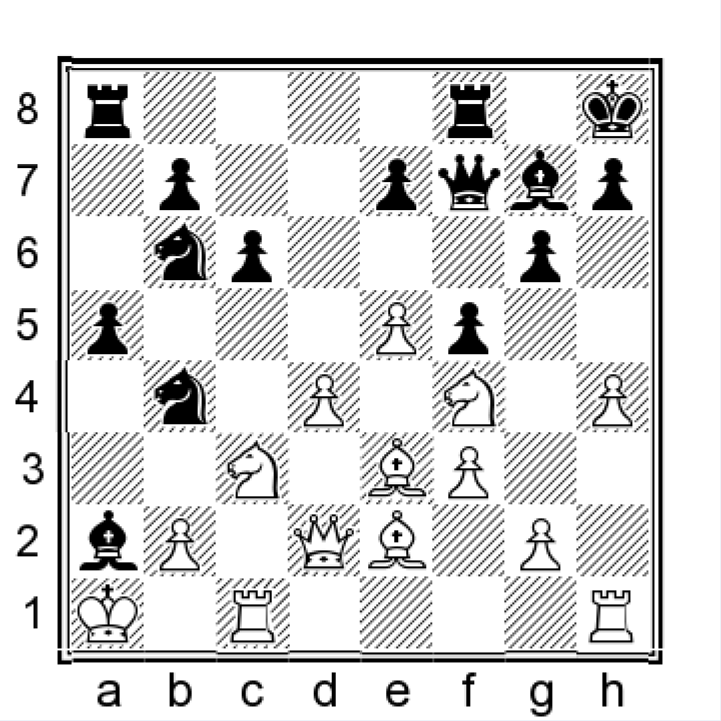
16.♘f4
[After 16.♘g5 ♘c4 17.♗c4 ♗c4 18.h4 ♖d8 Black seems to be fine.]

16...♕f7
[16...♘c4 17.♗c4 ♗c4 18.h4→]

17.h4 A critical moment.

Now **17...♗a2** was played but
[17...♖fd8! might be an improvement. 18.h5 18...g5 19.♘g6 ♔g8∞]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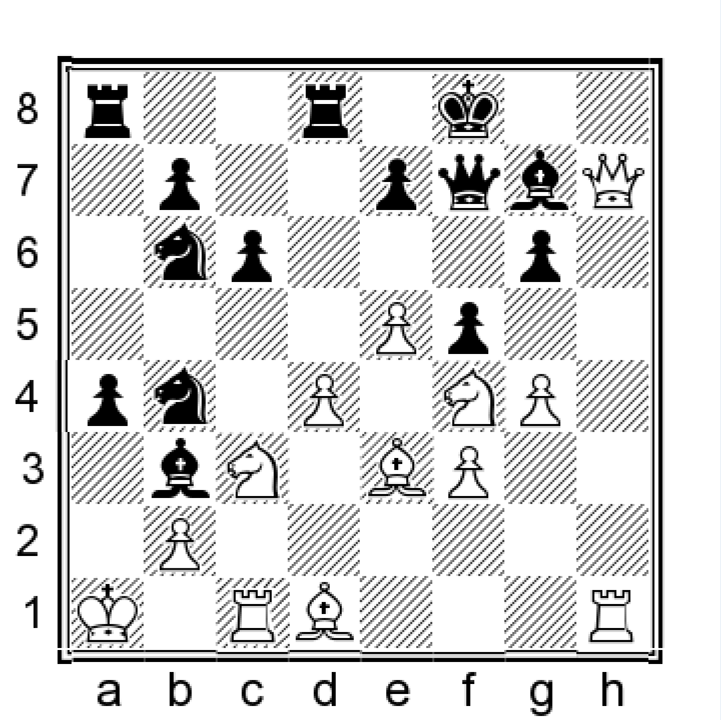
There followed **18.h5**
[18...g5 19.h6 (being greedy might also work for White: 19.♘g6 ♔g8 20.♘f8 ♔f8 21.♗g5) 19...gf4 20.hg7 ♔g7 21.♗f4→;

18...♔g8 19.hg6 hg6 20.g4 ♗b3 21.♗d1!+– White's queen will now go to h2, forcing Black's king to take flight: **21...a4 22.♕h2 ♖fd8 23.♕h7 ♔f8**



Although Black has a high concentration of attackers around the enemy king, it is White's attack that will in fact get through first. However in practical play a cool head is required even though objectively the position is easily won for White. Now the World Champion finishes things off with a steady hand.

24.d5! ♘c4
[24...♘6d5 25.e6 ♕f6 26.♘g6 ♔e8 27.♕g8]

25.♘g6 ♔e8 26.e6 a3 27.ef7 ♔d7
[27...♔f7 28.♘e5 ♘e5 29.♗b3]

28.♘e5 ♗e5 29.♕f5 ♔c7 30.♕e5 ♘e5 31.♗b3
The smoke has cleared and White is a piece up.

31...ab2
[31...♘ed3 32.♘b5 ♔d7 33.♘a3]

32.♔b2 ♘bd3 33.♔b1 ♘c1 34.♖c1 ♔c8 35.dc6 bc6 36.f4
It was great to see Magnus competing in an Open event and also worth mentioning that he was putting his reputation on the line – and his crown effectively up for grabs! – more than any other World Champion in the history of chess!
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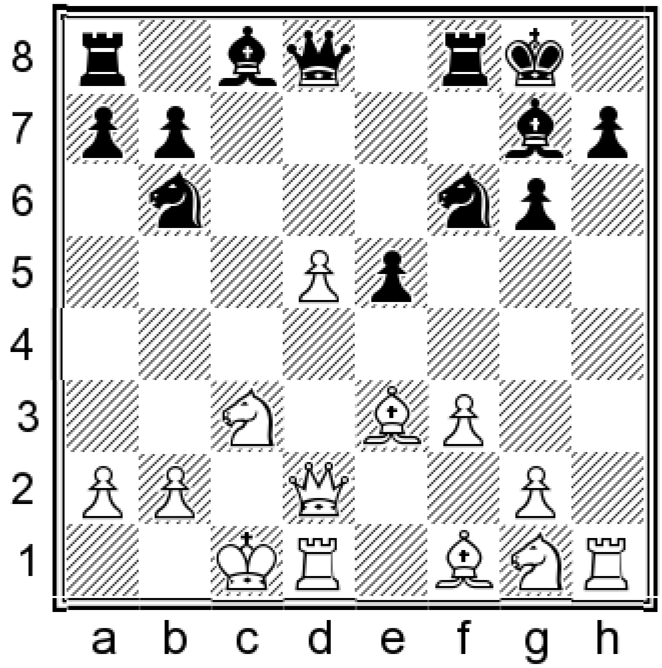
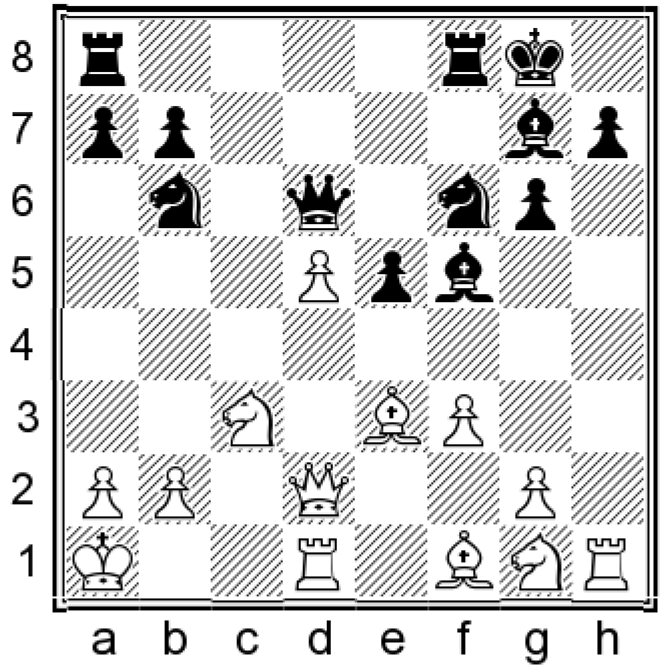
9.d5 c6 10.h4 cd5 11.ed5 ♘8d7 12.h5 ♘f6 13.hg6 fg6 14.0-0-0



14...♕d6
In my database there are only two games with this seldom played move, both of which featured Wei Yi as Black.
[14...♗d7 is mainstream theory.]

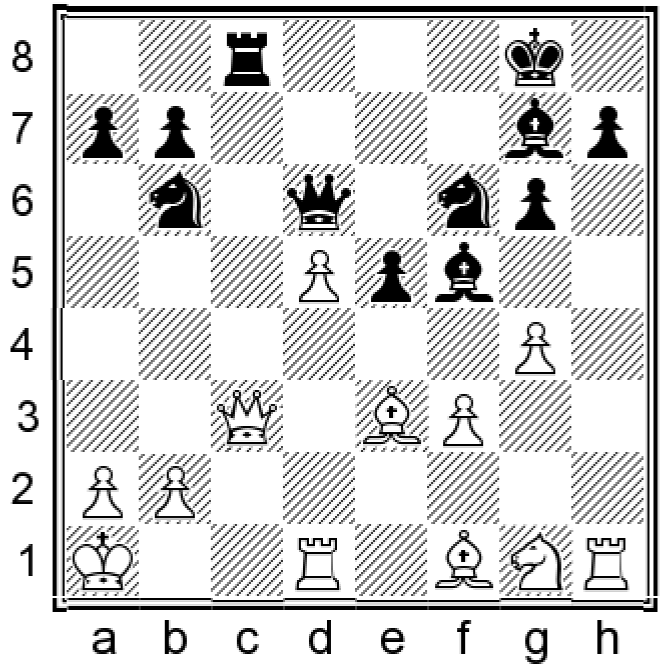
15.♔b1
[15.♘h3 ♗h3 16.♖h3 ♖ac8∞ was played in Gretarsson 2509 – Wei Yi 2501, Reykjavik 2013]

15...♗f5 16.♔a1



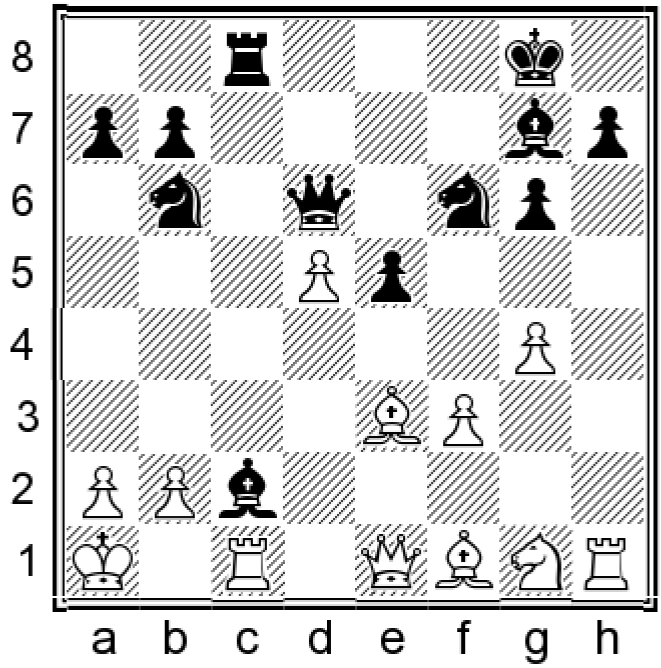
16...♖ac8N
[Wei Yi also played 16...h5 is a recent game and emerged victorious, but this was not due to his gaining any superiority in the opening: 17.♘h3N (17.♗b5 Szczepanski – I.-A. Nataf, corr. 2014) 17...e4 18.♗h6 (18.♘g5) 18...♖ad8 19.♗g7 ♔g7 20.♘f4 ♖fe8 21.♗b5 e3 22.♕d4 ♖e5 23.♗d3 (23.g4+– hg4 24.fg4 ♗g4 25.♖dg1 ♖g5 26.♗e2) 23...♘bd5 Sasikiran 2682 – Wei Yi 2706, Hyderabad 2015]

17.g4! ♖c3 18.♕c3 ♖c8



19.♕e1!
In a higher sense this move will prove crucial(!). The position seems highly unclear, but from now on Naka plays much better than Gupta.
[The number one choice of the computer engines is 19.♕d2 and this was probably what Gupta's preparation was based on. Initially the engines are quite happy with White's position, but the longer they are kept running the more they appreciate the strength of Black's queenside attack, as the white king is very vulnerable. However the position looks quite messy and diligent computer analysis will likely prove that Black is doing okay (or more than just okay), for example in a line such as 19...♖c2∞ 20.♕e1 ♗d7 (20...♖b2 21.♔b2 ♘a4 22.♔a1 ♗c2) 21.♗d3 ♖b2 etc.]

19...♗c2 20.♖c1



Now out of his preparation and on his own resources, Black does not rise to the challenge of a bar room brawl and

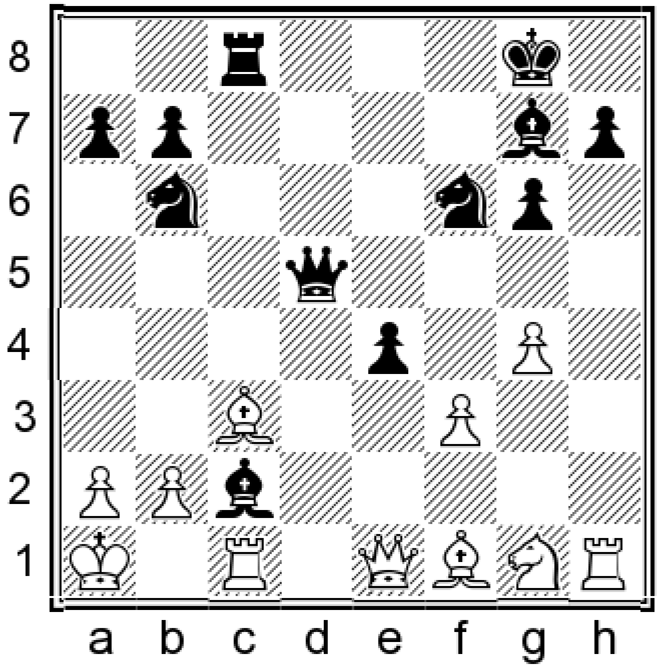
Nakamura, who ever since his youth has been accustomed to street fighting chess in American Opens, quickly clinches the full point.

Hikaru Nakamura, Gibraltar 2016. Photo by Sophie Triay

20...e4

[20...♘fd5 was another option for Black. Actually in an over-the-board fight it is not clear who is the favourite. Play might then continue 21.♗h6 ♗h8∞ 22.♕d2 ♕c5 23.♖h2 ♘b4]

21.♗d4 ♕d5 22.♗c3



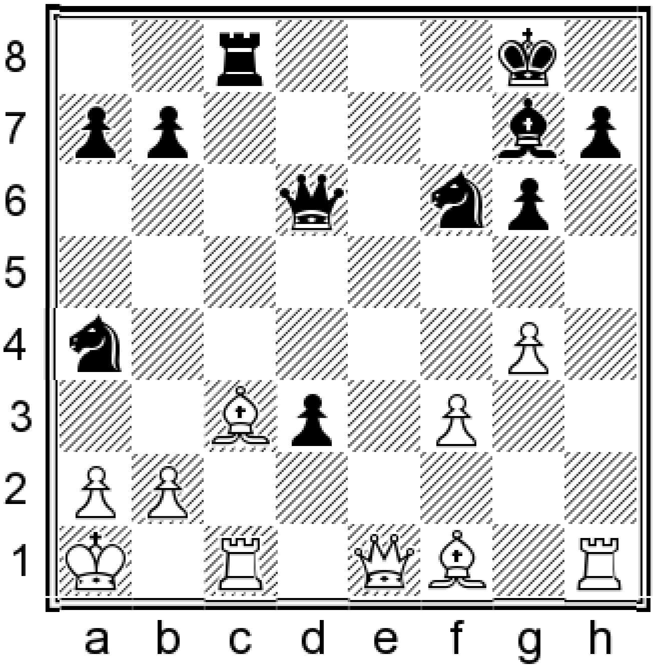
22...♗d3

[After 22...♘a4 23.♖c2 ♘c3 24.bc3 ef3 25.♖h3 ♘e4 26.♖f3 Black does not seem to have enough attacking potential and must struggle for a draw, e.g. 26...♘c3 27.♖fc3 ♗c3 28.♖c3 ♖c3 29.♕c3 ♕d1 30.♔b2 ♕f1 etc;
However 22...♗a4 is worth exploring further, but not the rather crazy 22...ef3 23.♘f3 ♖e8 (23...♗e4 24.♖d1) 24.♕h4 ♖e4 25.♗b5 which is probably good for White.]

23.♘h3! ♘a4

[23...♗f1 24.♖f1±]

24.♘f4+– ♕d6 25.♘d3 ed3



26.♗d3! ♕b6
[26...♕d3 loses to 27.♕e6 and 28.♕c8]
27.♗c2
1 : 0 Ivan Sokolov

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1–2. Vachier-Lagrave, Hi. Nakamura 8, 3–8. E. Bacrot, S. P. Sethuraman, P. Harikrishna, G. Jones, Li Chao, Sutovsky 7½, 9–23. Ragger, Ab. Gupta, S. Mazé, D. Jakovenko, Antón Guijarro, Bruzón Batista, Grandelius, R. Rapport, A. Muzychuk, S. Vidit, Z. Almási, Edouard, Pérez Ponsa, Fressinet, G. Kamsky 7, 24–48. Lenič, Gledura, A. Tari, Wojtaszek, Yu Yangyi, Ni Hua, Lalith Babu, A. Stefanova, S. Grigoriants, G. Oparin, Tan Zhongyi, Ax. Bachmann, J.-K. Duda, Bai Jinshi, Kelires, Ch. Sandipan, F. Libiszewski, V. Anand, N. Short, Wemmers, L. Shytaj, S. Ganguly, Khademalsharieh, Vishnu Prasanna, Ma. Herman 6½, 49–70. Vázquez Igarza, D. Harika, Mo. Ly, M. Muzychuk, P. Tregubov, Pogonina, G. N. Gopal, D. Howell, Ch. Aravindh, A. Kosteniuk, Goryachkina, A. R. S. Salem, A. Pichot, Nakar, Y. Shvayger, Almagro Llamas, Jus. Tan (3206882), Tischbierek, Tarjan, J. Salomon, P. Carlsson, Zhao Xue 6, etc.

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HI. NAKAMURA	g	2787	½	½	½	½	1	3
VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2785	½	½	½	½	0	2

Dragan Solak

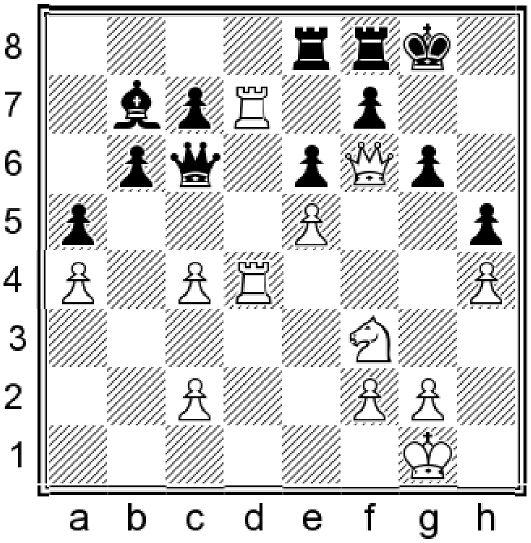
THE CHAMELEON KING!

We are told to protect our king at all times. However, perhaps it's time for a rethink...

When I was a kid, one of the first lessons that my dad taught me was to castle early in the opening. The king should be kept safe while other pieces attack.

However I witnessed the first serious exception to this rule when I was 11 years old. In this famous game, Nigel marched his king from g1 to h6 in order to checkmate Timman's king.

Short 2660— Timman 2630
Tilburg 1991



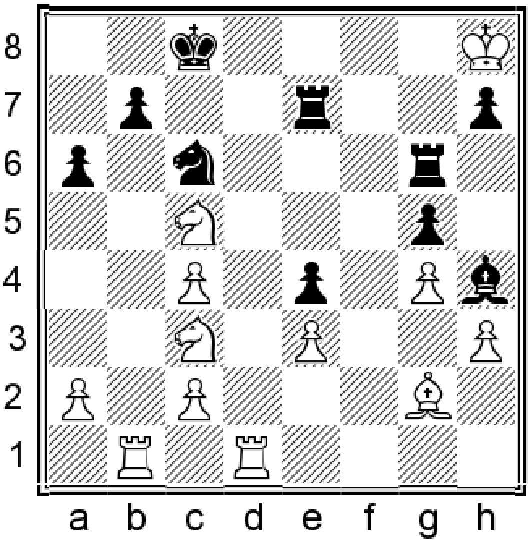
31.Kh2 ♖c8 32.Kg3 ♖ce8 33.Kf4 ♗c8 34.Kg5
1 : 0

But until last summer, in my mind this remained only an exception.

However, last July I took part in the Biel Chess Festival. I was present while David Navara was analyzing his incredible victory over Radek Wojtaszek. And this changed forever the way I think about role of the king in a chess game!

Navara 2724 — Wojtaszek 2733
Biel 2015

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.h3 ♗e7 9.g4 d5 10.ed5 ♘d5 11.♗g2 ♘e3 12.♕d8 ♗d8 13.fe3 ♗h4 14.♔f1 ♘c6 15.♘c5 ♗c4 16.♔g1 0-0-0 17.b3 ♗g5 18.♖e1 ♗h4 19.♖b1 ♗g5 20.♔f2 ♗h4 21.♔f3 e4 22.♔f4 g5 23.♔f5 ♖he8 24.♖hd1 ♖e5 25.♔f6 ♖g8 26.bc4 ♖g6 27.♔f7 ♖e7 28.♔f8 ♖f6 29.♔g8 ♖g6 30.♔h8



30...♖f6 31.♖f1 ♗f2 32.♖f2 ♖f2 33.♖f1 ♖g2 34.♖f8 ♔c7 35.♘d5 ♔d6 36.♘e7 ♔c5 37.♖f5 ♔c4 38.♘c6 bc6 39.♖g5 ♖g3 40.h4 h6 41.♖g6 ♖e3 42.♔g7 ♖g3 43.♔h6 e3 44.♔g5 ♔d5 45.♔f4 ♖h3 46.h5 c5 47.♖g5 ♔d4 48.♖e5 1 : 0

I have been trying to pay more attention to king moves ever since. But nevertheless I would still go wrong quite often. And it's not only me as I frequently see similar mistakes occurring in games played by strong grandmasters.

Anyway, here I would like to go through some of my games from the European Team Championship in Reykjavik, but this time I will try to focus particularly on the role of the kings.

GHOST KING

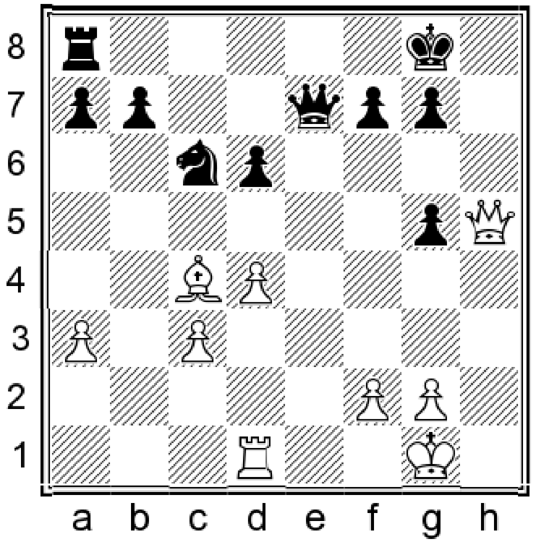
In this game I simply missed a king move and spoiled a much better position.

C42
Solak 2628 — H. Olafsson 2549
Reykjavik (3), 2015

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘e5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘e4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.c4 ♘b4 9.♗e2 0-0 10.♘c3 ♗f5 11.a3 ♘c3 12.bc3 ♘c6 13.♖e1 ♖e8 14.♗f4 dc4 15.♗c4 ♗d6 16.♖e8 ♕e8 17.♘g5 ♗g6 18.♗d6 cd6 19.h4 ♕e7 20.♕g4 h6 21.h5 ♗h5 22.♕h5 hg5 23.♖d1

Dragan Šolak

- **Country:** Turkey
- **Born:** 1980
- **Rating:** 2633
- **Peak rating:** 2639
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2001



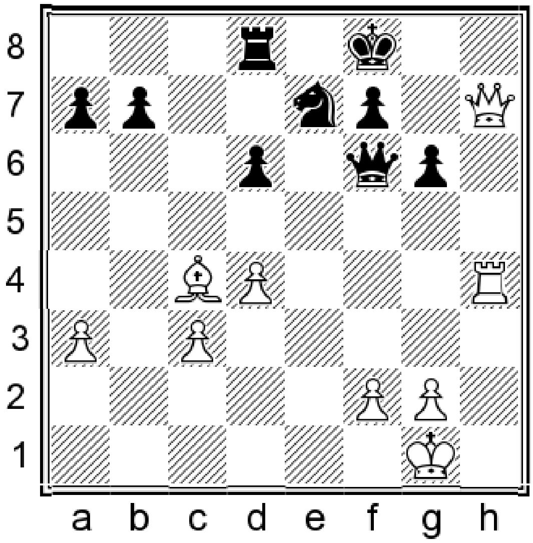
23...♖d8?N Now Helgi is in trouble.
[23...♖f8 24.♖d3 ♕e1 25.♔h2 ♕f2 26.♖h3 ♕f4 27.♔g1 ♕c1 28.♔h2 ♕f4 29.♔g1 (½:½ Movsesian 2651 – Gelfand 2704, Bled 2002) 29...♕c1 30.♔f2 (RR 30.♗f1?! Morovic Fernandez 2549 – Gelfand 2704, Cap d'Agde (rapid) 2002 – 86/317) 30...♕d2= Gelfand]

24.♖d3 g4?
[24...♕e1 25.♔h2 ♕f2 26.♖f3 ♕h4 27.♕h4 gh4 28.♗f7± My advantage in this endgame is beyond doubt, but is it enough to win the game? I am not sure.]

25.♖g3 [25.♗d5!]

25...♕f6
And around here I began calculating my fantastic winning variation...with one big hole!

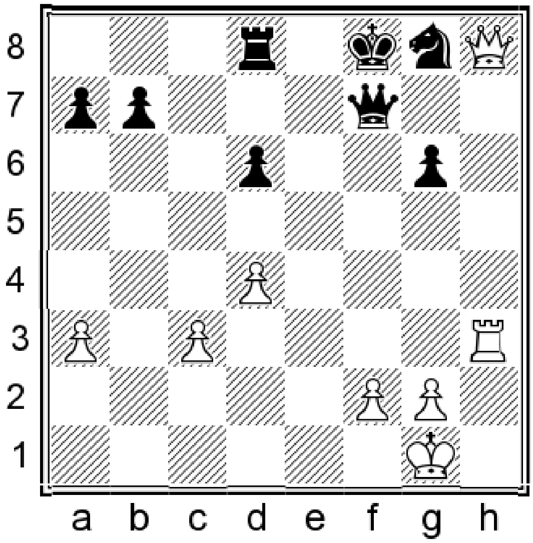
26.♖g4 ♘e7 27.♖h4 g6 28.♕h7 ♔f8



29.♗f7? ♕f7
[29...♘f5 30.♕g8 ♔e7 31.♖e4 ♔d7 32.♕g6+–]

30.♕h8 ♘g8
[30...♕g8 31.♕f6 ♕f7 32.♖h8 ♘g8 33.♕d8+–]

31.♖h3



31...♔e8!
Somehow during this tournament the kings were wandering around way too much! And I don’t know why, but I missed many important king moves.
[31...♕d5 32.♖h7 ♔e8 33.♕g7 Black can’t stop ♖h8 and I win.]

32.♖h7
And although I am a piece down, luckily there is still a draw.

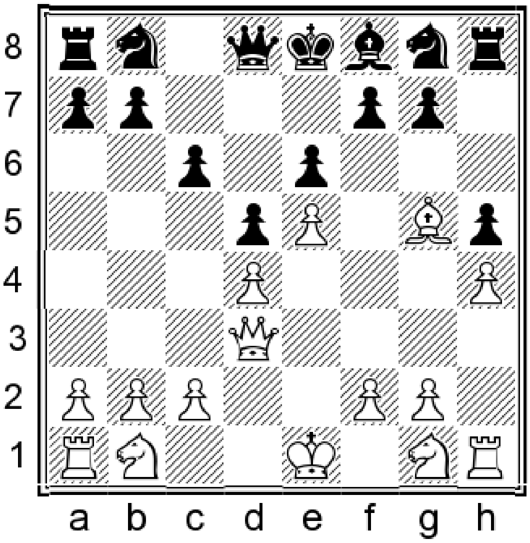
32...♕e6 33.♖b7 ♖d7 34.♖b8 ♖d8 35.♖b7 ♖d7 36.♖b8 ♖d8
1/2 : 1/2 Solak

CHICKEN KING

The kings danced out the threefold repetition in this game. I had a chance to try and play for a win, but I will attribute such cowardice to my king, rather than to myself!

B12
Mamedyarov 2743 — Solak 2628
Reykjavik (4), 2015

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.♗d3 ♗d3 6.♕d3 e6 7.♗g5



7...♗e7

[I was well aware of the option 7...♕b6. But I really wanted to avoid the scenario where I collect 3 or 4 pawns, Shak develops all his pieces and the computer shows a –0.60 evaluation. Probably it has something to do with our blitz matches during the Turkish League, where I would quickly get checkmated in similar situations (When I played solidly, I would get checkmated as well, but it would usually take longer). 8.♘d2 c5 9.c4∞ Morozevich 2711 – Laznicka 2676, Poikovsky 2015 – 126/35]

EnBW
SRB
AZE
Ivanisevic
Radjabov
Solak
Mamedyarov
Perunovic
Huseynov
Vuckovic
Mammadov

Solak Mamedyarov, Dresden 2008. Photo by Josip Asik

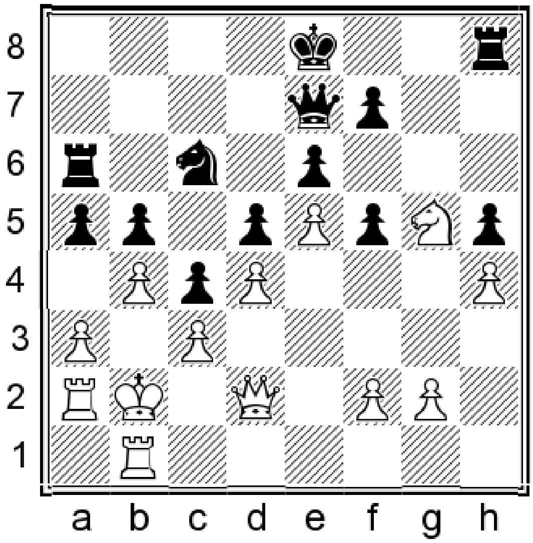
8.♘f3 ♘h6 9.♘c3 ♘f5 10.0-0-0 ♘d7
I really liked my position around here. I saw no problems whatsoever, nor do I see any now.

11.♔b1N
[RR 11.♘e2 Th. Lochte 2227 – Eb. Stephan 2142, Germany 1999; 11.g3 Giretti Kanev 2205 – Nisipeanu 2592, Saint-Vincent 2003]

11...♖c8
[11...c5? 12.♘d5!]

12.♘e2 c5 13.c3 c4
Simple and good.

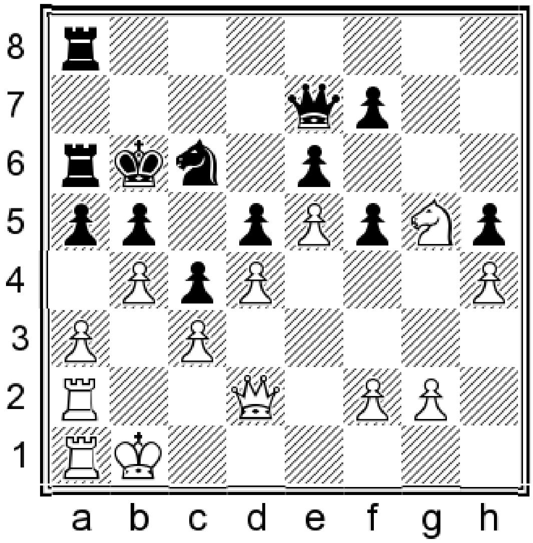
14.♕d2 b5 15.♘g3 g6 16.♘f5 gf5 17.♗e7 ♕e7 18.♘g5 ♖b8 19.b4 a5 20.a3 ♖a8 21.♔b2 ♘b8 22.♖a1 ♘c6 23.♖hb1 ♖a6 24.♖a2



The position is objectively equal. Superficially, I have some advantage on the queenside, but it turns out that it is impossible to break through. Shak could have closed the kingside completely by playing f2-f4, but I guess he wanted to scare me by keeping open the option of maneuvering his knight to that square.

24...♔d7 This king march is both logical and good. The king moves closer to the pawns in order to support them after a knight sacrifice (I'm dreaming of course, but sometimes dreams do come true...).

25.♖ba1 ♔c7 26.♔b1 ♖ha8 27.♔b2 ♔b6 28.♔b1



28...♔c7

Mamedyarov had something like 1 hour and 35 minutes on his clock around here (we started with 1 hour 30 minutes, plus the increment). His super confidence possibly played an important intimidatory role here, as I had a serious chance to exert some pressure on his position. I am sure he would have easily found all the right moves, but I still wish I had tried 28...f4!

[The idea is to play ...f6 next and start operating with the queen along the b1–h7 diagonal. 29.♕f4! ab4 30.ab4 ♖a2 31.♖a2 ♖a2 32.♔a2 ♘b4 33.♔b1! (33.cb4 ♕b4 34.♕f6 ♕d2 35.♔b1 ♔a5!! and his majesty wins the game!) 33...♘d3 34.♕f6! ♕f6 35.ef6 ♘f2 36.♘f7 ♘g4 37.♘g5 ♘f6 38.♘e6 b4! 39.cb4! ♔b5 40.♔c2 ♔b4 41.♘f4 c3 42.♘e2 ♔c4 43.♘c3 ♔d4 44.♘e2 ♔e3 45.♘g3! ♔f2 46.♘h5! ♘h5 47.♔d3! ♔g3 48.♔d4 ♘f6 49.h5 ♔g4 50.h6 ♔f5 51.h7= I have a creepy feeling that game would have indeed finished exactly like this!]

29.♔b2 ♔b6 30.♔b1 ♔c7

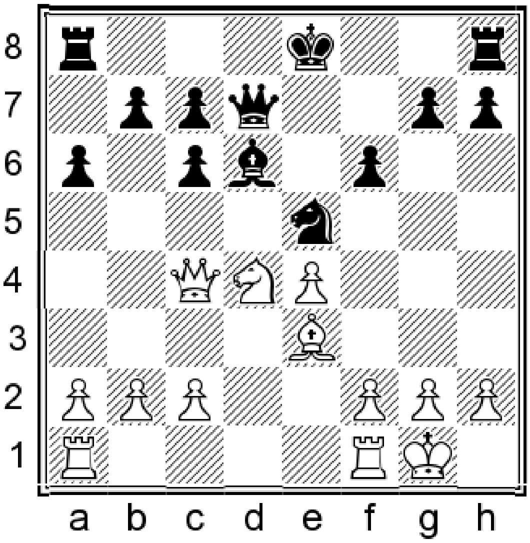
1/2 : 1/2 Solak

EXPLORER KING

In this game my king wasn't moving much. But Radek's king started from a super-safe place, guarded by a perfect four-pawn shield, quickly entered the centre after the exchange of queens, explored White's queen side, then returned to the centre and entered the danger zone. Quite an adventurer!

C68
Solak 2628 — Wojtaszek 2748
Reykjavik (5), 2015

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗c6 dc6 5.0-0 ♗d6 6.d4 ed4 7.♕d4 f6 8.♗e3 ♘e7 9.♘bd2 ♗e6 10.♕c3 ♕d7 11.♘c4 ♗c4 12.♕c4 ♘g6 13.♘d4 ♘e5

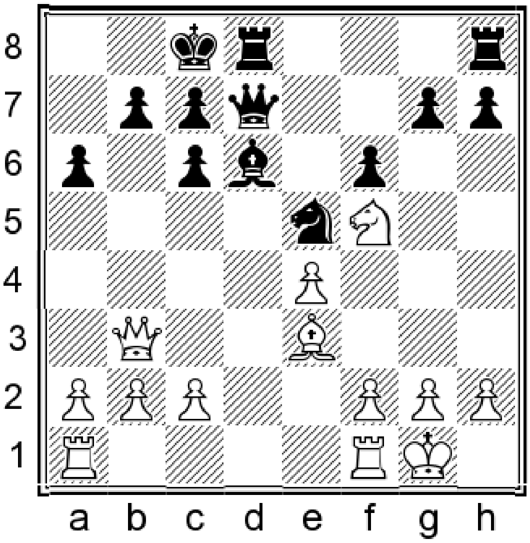


14.♕b3

An attempt to improve upon my game with Korobov, that I played two months before Reykjavik. My impression now is that White doesn't get an edge here. Other ways on previous moves need to be explored. [14.♕e2 ♘g4 15.h3 ♘e3 16.♕e3 g6 17.♖ad1 0-0-0 18.♘b3 b6= Solak 2631 – Korobov 2700 Baku (m/1) 2015]

14...0-0-0 15.♘f5

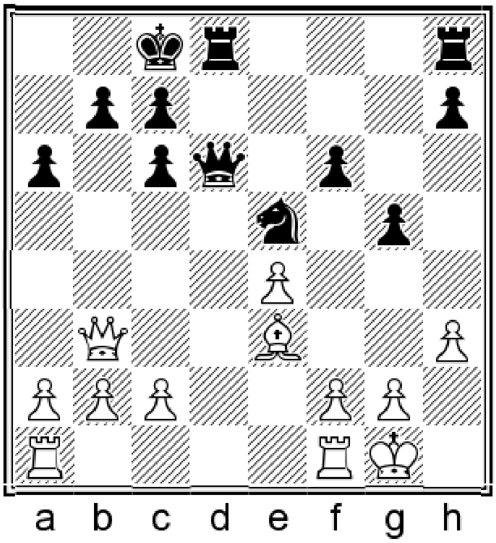
[15.♘e6 ♖de8 16.♘c5 ♗c5 17.♗c5 b6 18.♖ad1 ♕e6 19.♗d4 might be worth trying, but I analyzed the position a little and concluded that it wasn't enough to pose problems to serious opponents.]



15...g6N

[Just a few days before my game with Radek, Svidler played 15...♘g4 against me in this position. While I was analyzing the game, I noticed an interesting possibility for White. 16.♖fd1 Now I was actually hoping that Radek would refrain from taking on h2 and then I would obtain a more favourable version of the game. (16.h3 ♘e3 17.♕e3 ♔b8 18.♖ad1 ♕f7 19.b3 ♖he8 20.♖d3 ♗f8 21.♖fd1 ♖d3 22.♕d3 g6 23.♘d4 ♗d6 24.♘f3 ♖e7 25.♖e1 ♕e8= Solak 2628 – Svidler 2745 Reykjavik 2015) 16...♗h2 17.♔f1 ♕d1 18.♖d1 ♖d1 19.♔e2 ♖d7 20.g3 h5 and the position is complex.]

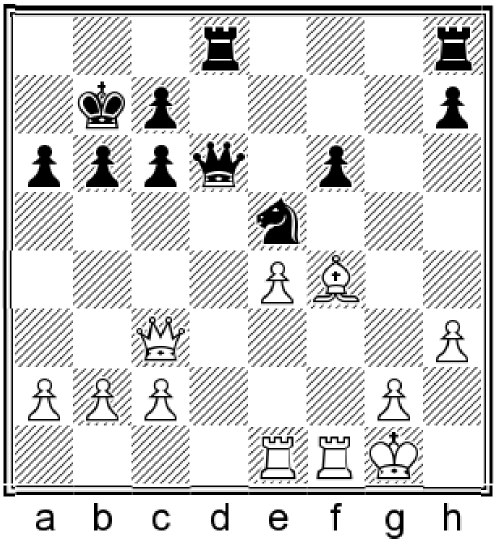
16.♘d6 ♕d6 17.h3 g5=



18.♖ae1
[I checked 18.♖ad1 during the game, but after 18...♕d1 19.♖d1 ♖d1 20.♔h2 ♖e8 I couldn't find any active idea for myself and concluded that Black was definitely not worse, and even probably better.]

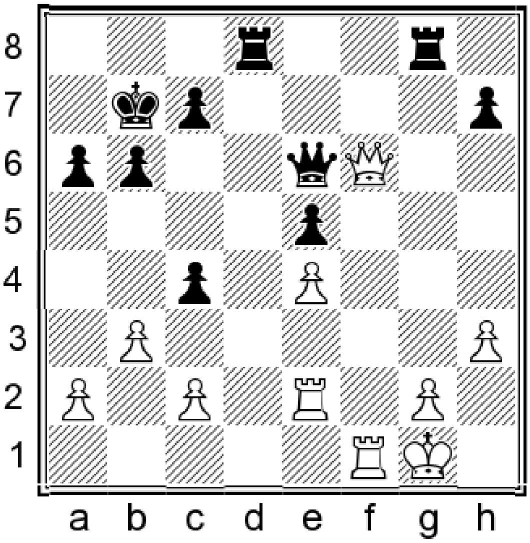
18...b6
I didn't see how to improve my position. Obviously I shouldn't just wait, as Black has a few very useful moves like ...Kb7 and ...h5. That's why I decided to push f4. My last move was played with this idea. The kingside is opened, but my pawn cover is solid enough and Wojtaszek doesn't have enough pieces to create serious motifs around my king.

19.f4 gf4 20.♗f4 ♔b7 21.♕c3



21...♖hg8 22.♖e2 ♕e6 23.b3 c5
Obviously, I prefer not to let Black undouble his pawns, but I didn't see any other way to play. And apart from that, the position that appeared several moves later looked great to my eyes.

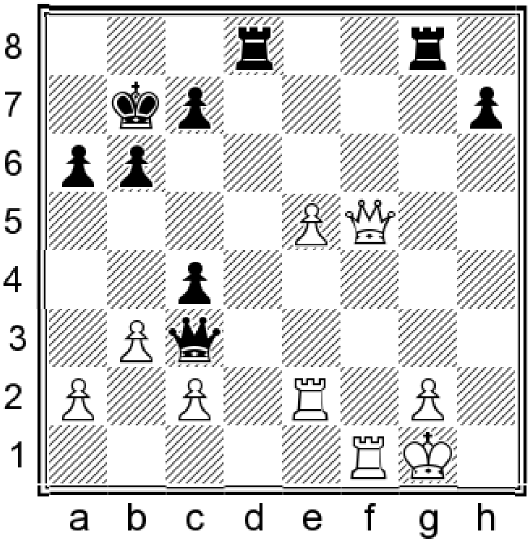
24.♗e5 fe5 25.♕f3 c4 26.♕f6



I was quite happy around here. ...♕h3 doesn't work because of ♕d8. Queens are coming off the board and then I will try to execute my plan with a king march to h4. Radek doesn't agree and nor do the engines. Quite serious opposition!

26...♕d7
I was thinking that this move was just bad for Black. I take on e5, then, after ...♕h3, I go ♕f5, with tempo. After this I push e5 and place my queen right in the centre of the board, winning another tempo! I evaluated the resulting position as better for White. But Radoslaw's evaluation was more precise.
[26...♕f6 is what I was expecting. Then 27.♖f6 ♖d1! 28.♖f1 ♖f1 29.♔f1. But after a short analysis I have to admit that White is not at all better here. Black has enough time to organize his play.]

27.♕e5 ♕h3 28.♕f5 ♕c3 29.e5



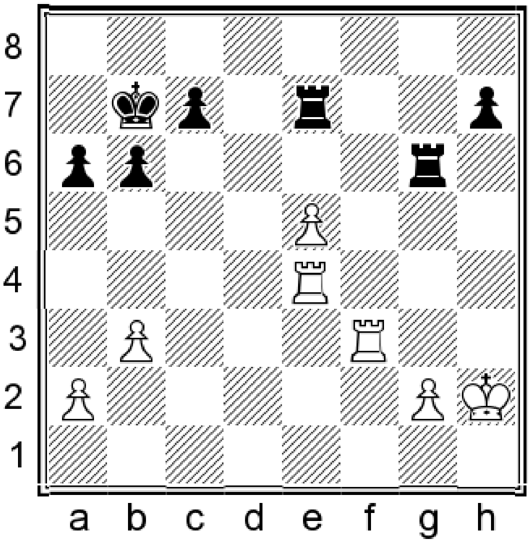
29...♕d4!
Apart from being the best move in the position, 29...♕d4 also contains a nice trap.

30.♔h2
[30.♕f2? ♖g2! 31.♔g2 ♕g4 32.♔h2 (32.♔h1 ♕h3 33.♔g1 ♖g8 34.♕g2 ♖g2 35.♖g2 ♕e3 is most likely winning for Black.) 32...♕h5 33.♔g3 ♖g8 34.♔f4 ♖g4 35.♔e3 ♕g5 36.♕f4 ♖f4 37.♖f4 ♕e5 38.♔f3 and although I might still have some chances of saving the game by creating a fortress, most probably the position is lost.]

30...♖g6 31.♖f3 ♖e8
Now I understood the position was equal and wanted to finish the game. I should have been more cautious. Once his monster-piece enters the fight, my situation becomes critical.

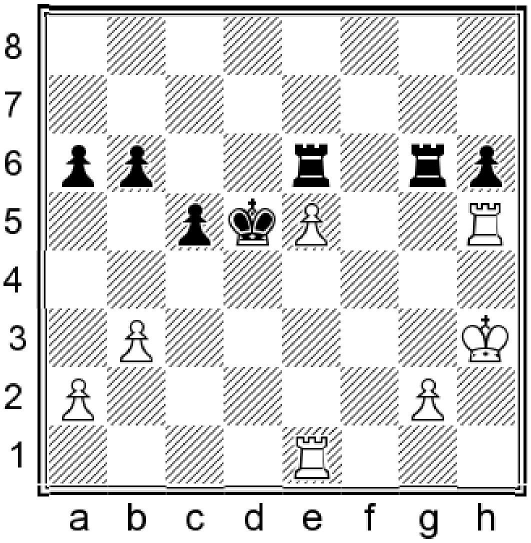
32.♕e4
[32.♕f4 would have achieved the same thing, whilst saving a couple of tempi.]

32...♕e4 33.♖e4 cb3 34.cb3 ♖e7



Suddenly I was not sure how exactly to continue. His king is only two moves away from d5 and my central pawn is quite weak. I was sure the four-rook endgame with equal pawns must be a draw, and was just trying to avoid making a major mistake before the time-trouble was over.

35.♖h3 ♔c6 36.♖h5 ♔d5 37.♖e2 c5 38.♔h3 h6 39.♖e1 ♖ee6



40.♖d1!

[40.g4? ♖g5 41.♔h4 ♖h5 (41...♖ge5 42.♖ee5 ♖e5 43.♖h6) 42.♔h5 b5! Black gains a critical tempo. My position is hopeless. (42...♖e5 43.♖e5 ♔e5 44.♔h6 b5 45.g5 c4 46.bc4 bc4 47.g6 c3 48.g7 c2 49.g8♕ c1♕ 50.♕g5=) 43.♖d1 ♔e5 44.♖e1 ♔d5 45.♖e6 ♔e6 46.♔h6 c4 47.g5 c3 48.g6 c2 49.g7 c1=♕ –+]

40...♔e4 41.♖e1 ♔d4 42.♖d1 ♔c3 43.♖f5
The other rook joins the play. Now it is just equal.

43...b5 44.♖c1 ♔d4 45.♖d1 ♔e4 46.g4 c4 47.bc4 bc4 48.♔g3 ♖c6 49.e6
[49.♖f2 ♔e5 50.♖e2 ♔f6 51.♖f1 ♔g7 52.♖e7 This looks interesting, but it doesn’t offer me anything special.]

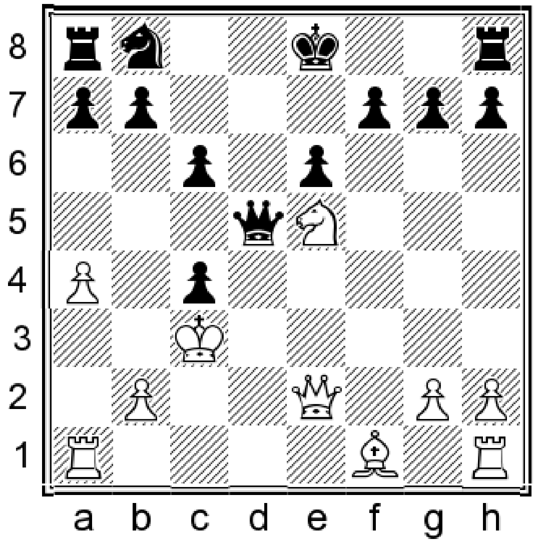
49...♖ge6 50.♖f4 ♔e5 51.♖f5 ♔e4 52.♖f2 ♔e5 53.♖f5 ♔e4 54.♖f2 ♔e5 55.♖f5
1/2 : 1/2 Solak

BRAVE KING

This fearless ruler saved the day when he captured my b3-pawn and entered an open battle against my pieces!

D17
Pelletier 2566 — Solak 2628
Reykjavik (6), 2015

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 dc4 5.a4 ♗f5 6.♘e5 e6 7.f3 ♗b4 8.e4 ♗e4 9.fe4 ♘e4 10.♗d2 ♕d4 11.♘e4 ♕e4 12.♕e2 ♗d2 13.♔d2 ♕d5 14.♔c3

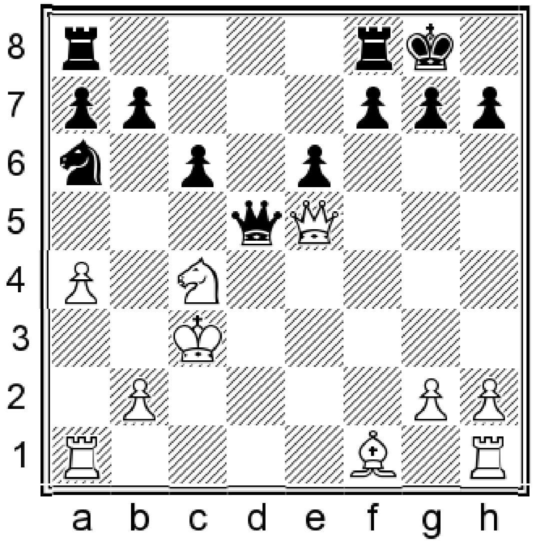


Yannick Pelletier. Photo by Harald Fietz

14...♘a6

[14...0-0 15.♕e3 b5 is the most common reaction. Bacrot managed to beat Anand in this line after he had made a peculiar endgame mistake. 16.♗e2 ♘d7 17.♘d7 ♕d7 18.♖hd1 (18.♗f3 ♖ab8∓ Y. Vovk 2617 – Vitiugov 2725 Berlin (rapid) 2015; RR 18.♕c5 Ehlvest 2610 – Ma. Manninen 2365, Jyvaskyla 1997 – 70/351) 18...♕e7 19.♔c2 a5 20.♗f3 ♖ac8 21.♕e5 g6 22.ab5 cb5 23.♕b5 ♖c5 24.♕d7 ♕g5 25.♕d4 ♖fc8 26.♖a3 ♖b5 27.♖d2 ♖b4 28.♔d1 ♖cb8 29.♔e2 ♕b5 30.♔e1 ♖b2 31.♖b2 ♕b2 32.♕b2 ♖b2 33.♖a5 c3 34.♖c5 ♖b1 35.♔e2 ♖c1 36.♔d3 ♔g7 37.♖c3 ♖c3 38.♔c3 f5 39.♔d4 ♔f6 40.♗d1 h5 41.♗f3 h4 42.♗e2 g5? 43.♗a6 g4 44.♗b7 e5 45.♔d5 f4 46.♔e4 1 : 0 Bacrot 2716 – Anand 2800, Nanjing 2010]

15.♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5

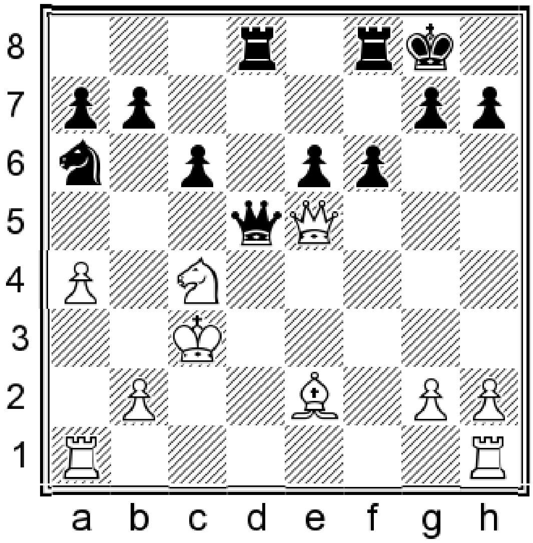


16...♖ad8

This is the novelty, a move I had a brief look at before the game. I didn't really trust the computer's 0.00 evaluation and my guess was that the position was rather easier for White to handle.

[A few days before our game, Vallejo, who is a great expert in this line, tried 16...f6. Pelletier played all the perfect moves, until (my guess) he started experiencing problems with time. He obtained, as it appears to me, a significant edge, although the position remains difficult to understand. In any case, I wasn't ready to repeat this move. 17.♕d5 cd5 18.♘d6 ♖ab8 19.b4 ♘c7 20.♔b3 ♘e8 21.♘e8 ♖be8 22.♖c1± Pelletier 2566 – Vallejo Pons 2684 Reykjavik 2015]

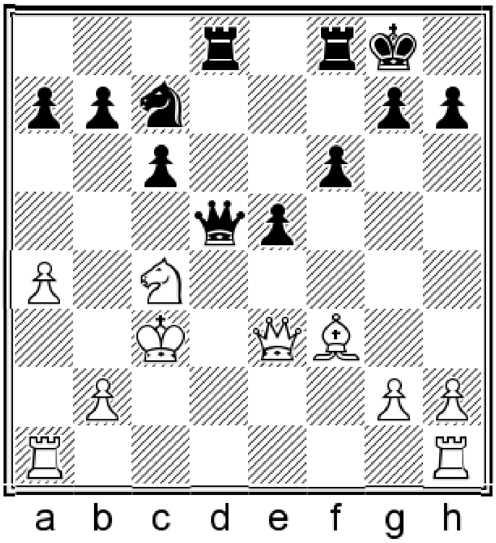
17.♗e2 f6



18.♕e3!

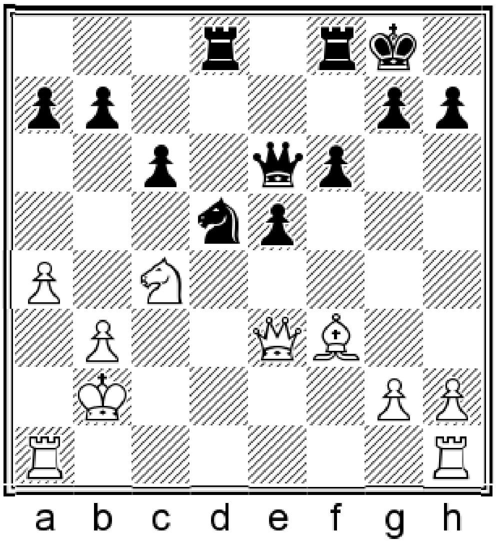
Very often in this line White offers a queen exchange only to decline it a few moves later. It looks paradoxical and I admit that even after more than ten years experience with this variation, I still don't understand who is trying to enter the endgame and who is trying to avoid it. My gut feeling is that it is generally favourable for White to keep the queens as long as he can keep clear of any immediate danger.

18...♘c7 19.♗f3 e5N
[RR 19...♕f5 Jauernig 2235 – O. Gesing, Germany 1997]



20.b3!
Yannick was finding the best way, move after move, and although I had checked this position before the game, I was starting to get worried, as I was sensing that the position that would arise after 22.♕e4 would be unpleasant for me.
[20.♗d5 can definitely be tested, but again my intuition says that Black should be fine. The most important factor is that I can quickly bring my king to e6 where it will be perfectly placed and where it will limit the activity of White's knight on e3.]

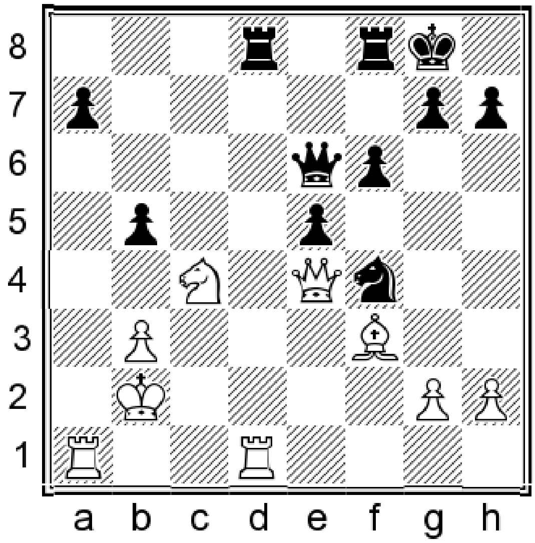
20...♕e6 21.♔b2! ♘d5



22.♕e4!
Now I have to admit that I am worse. Black has no counterplay and will have to suffer. White will start pushing the pawns on the kingside and very soon tactical motifs will appear around my king. I was amazed how Yannick was finding all the best moves without any preparation, just calmly thinking at the board in what I thought was a highly original position, but one that I knew really well. Quite simply, I was getting outplayed. Thoughts about Magnus and Hikaru each falling victim to this merciless robot (both within the last month) started appearing in my head and for a moment I felt like his prey. Then I said to myself, well, I shouldn't go down without a fight!

22...b5 I am not sure what to think of this move. Objectively, it is not good, yet it is possible that this is the move that saved me.

23.ab5 cb5 24.♖hd1! ♘f4



25.g3?

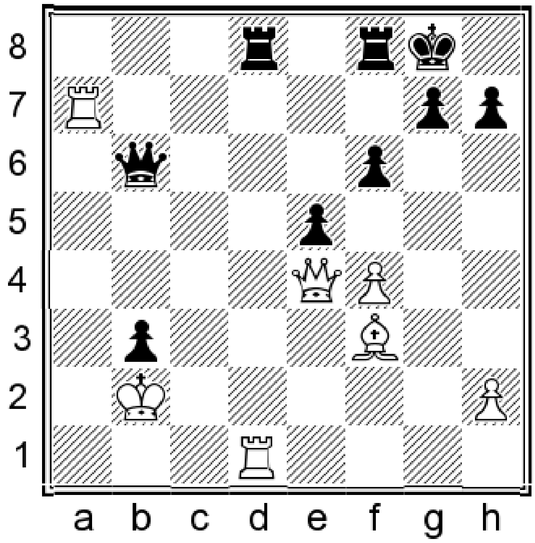
The way I understand it, White needs one pawn on the queenside to win the game. Otherwise, all kinds of drawn endgame motifs enter the stage. With this move, Yannick lets me off the hook.

[25.♖d8! ♖d8 26.♕b7!! (I had only checked 26.♖a7 when it turns out that I can save myself. 26...f5 27.♕b7 ♕f6 28.♖a6 ♕h4∞) 26...♕d7 (26...bc4 27.♖a7+–) 27.♕d7 ♖d7 28.♗c6 ♖c7 29.♗b5 and the position is quite clearly winning for White. With the b-pawn still there, I stand no chance.]

25...bc4 26.gf4 cb3 27.♖a7

[27.♕d5 ♕d5! 28.♗d5 ♔h8 29.fe5 fe5 30.♔b3 g6= This is a draw. It is not excluded that Black will have to demonstrate his defensive skills in a rook and bishop versus rook endgame, but I was confident of my theoretical knowledge of the correct procedure there.]

27...♕b6



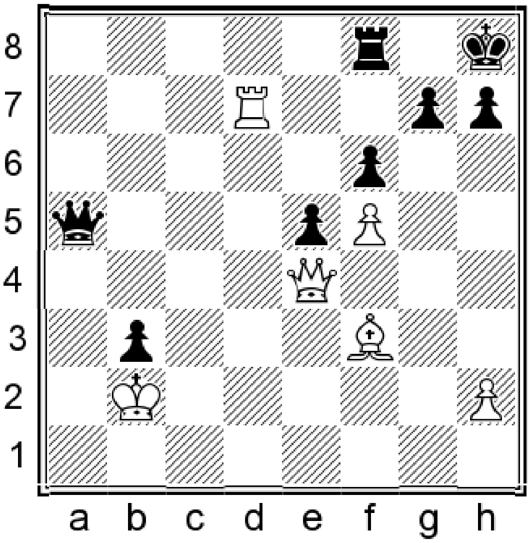
Now I was starting to feel good about my prospects. I wasn’t thinking that my position was better, but I thought that Yannick’s exposed king, in combination with little remaining time on his clock, would offer me some winning chances.

28.♖dd7

The Swiss grandmaster clearly saw ways to draw, but he was still under the impression that his position was better and he decided to continue the fight.

[28.♖d8 ♖d8 29.♖a8 ♖a8 30.♕a8 ♔f7= It is particularly important that White has the “wrong” rook’s pawn and therefore a queen swap is always safe for me.]

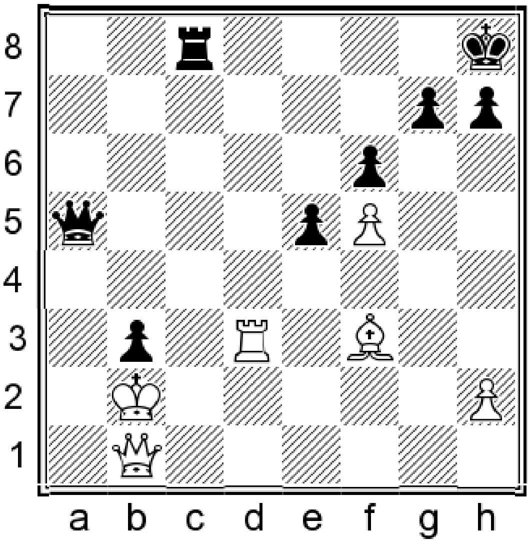
28...♖d7 29.♖d7 ♔h8 30.f5 ♕a5



31.♕b1??

If I remember correctly, Yannick made this move in a state of disappointment and with only a few seconds on his clock. It was still not too late to counterattack and survive.
[31.♕g4! ♕a2 32.♔c3 ♖c8 33.♔b4! ♖b8 34.♗b7 ♖g8 35.♗d5=]

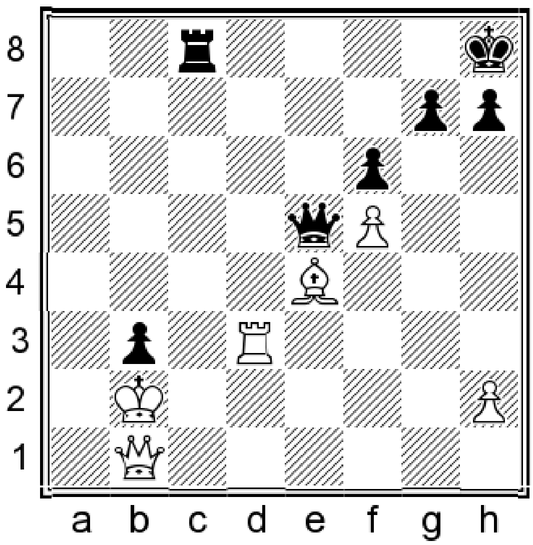
31...♖c8 32.♖d3



32...e4??

This moved looked so... right. I was 99.9% sure my position was winning after White takes the pawn. But sometimes the incredible happens. The brave white king saves the day!
[After 32...♖c2! 33.♔b3 ♖c5! –+ White either loses the queen or gets mated. However it is important to see the correct check on the next move, which I failed to do. 34.♔b2 ♕b4!! 35.♖b3 ♕d2 and I win; also 32...h6 –+]

33.♗e4 ♕e5



34.♔b3!

I couldn’t believe my eyes. What is going on? I can’t take the queen. I can’t take the bishop. There is no checkmate. Now I was down to my last few seconds and decided to capture his pawn at least, still hoping that with such a king Yannick would do something wrong. But he doesn’t.

34...♖b8 35.♔a2 ♕h2 36.♔a3

Curiously, White’s pieces are now coordinating in an interesting fashion. The rook is covering both the third rank and the d6 square, the bishop controls the corner square and is protected by the queen, the pawn on f5 is protected, and even the h1 square is well secured in case I start pushing my h-pawn.

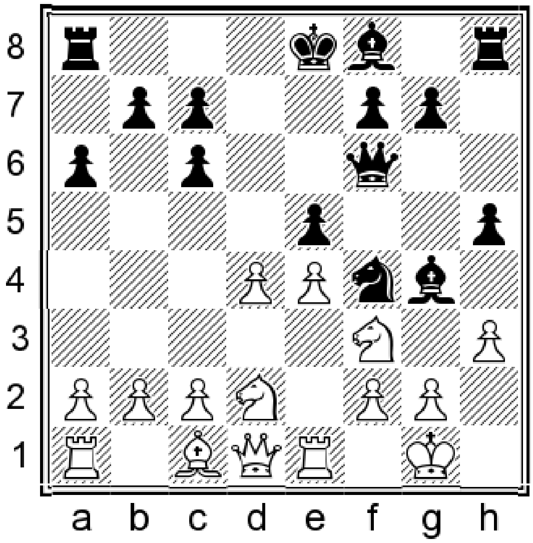
36...h5 37.♖b3 ♕d6 38.♔a2 ♕d2 39.♕b2 ♕a5 40.♕a3 ♕d2 41.♕b2 ♕a5 42.♕a3 ♕d2
1/2 : 1/2 Solak

TRICKY KING

One sneaky king move and the game is lost.

C68
Solak 2628 — Adams 2744
Reykjavik (8), 2015

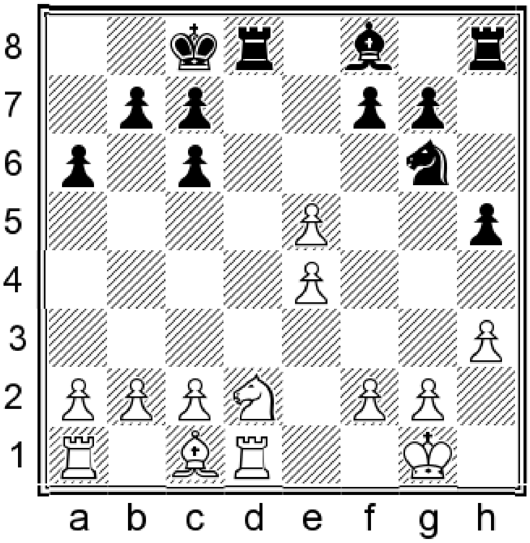
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗c6 dc6 5.0-0 ♗g4 6.h3 h5 7.d3 ♕f6 8.♘bd2 ♘e7 9.♖e1 ♘g6 10.d4 ♘f4



11.de5

[I had played 11.hg4 in all four previous games and scored 3½ points. Certainly not a bad result, but I wasn’t able to find anything special after the moves that Michael used many years ago. I did win my game with Svetushkin in that line, but only after he had made a major slip. I was sure Adams was not going to repeat that. 11...hg4 12.g3 gf3 13.♕f3 ♘e6 14.de5 ♕h6 15.♘b3 g5 16.♗e3 ♕h3 17.♕g2 ♕h5 18.f3 ♗g7 19.♔f2 19...0-0-0?? (19...♗e5 Macieja 2627 – Adams 2719 Rethymnon 2003 – 88/308) 20.♖h1 ♕g6 21.f4+– f5 22.♖h8 ♖h8 23.♖h1 ♖f8 24.♕h3 ♔d8 25.♕h7 ♕h7 26.♖h7 gf4 27.gf4 fe4 28.♔e2 ♔e7 29.♗c5 ♘c5 1 : 0 Solak 2568 – Svetushkin 2604 Predeal 2007]

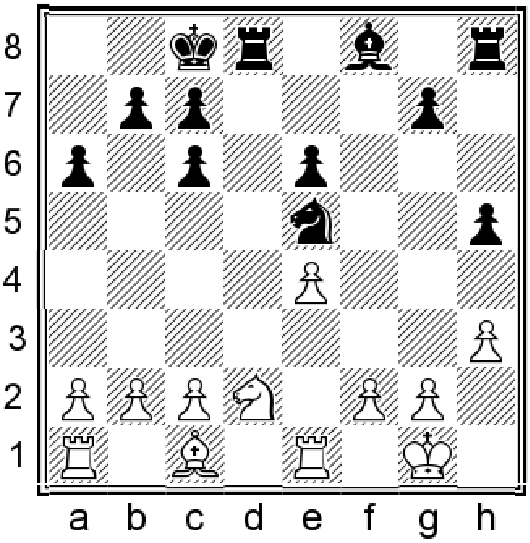
11...♕g6 12.♘h4 ♗d1 13.♘g6 ♘g6 14.♖d1 0-0-0



15.e6

[Usually 15.♖e1 is preferred. Shirov tried it against Topalov almost 20 years ago, without success. To me it looked useful to break up Black’s kingside pawn chain and weaken the g5 square. Shirov 2690 – Topalov 2725 Madrid 1997]

15...fe6 16.♖e1 ♘e5



17.♘b3

This was the novelty I had prepared. The position is, of course, very close to equal, but maybe just a tiny bit more pleasant for White. Obviously, I wasn’t relying on some kind of deep analysis. Black has more than ten possible moves already here. I just made sure that Black had no direct way to completely equalize the position and hoped my experience with similar pawn structures would play an important role in the game.

[After 17.♘f3 ♘f3 18.gf3 Black’s doubled pawns on the c-file are fully offset by the defects of my pawn structure on the kingside. The position is equal.]

17...♗e7

I was really hoping that Michael would spend a lot of time thinking about how to react here. But the speed with which he was executing the moves was a little confusing. Sometimes he would take time for some easy-looking decisions and sometimes he would just blitz out not-so-obvious moves. It is possible that he knew about a couple of recent correspondence games. White does have some long-term strategical advantage because of his better pawn structure and that is why Black tries to force matters on the kingside. After ...g7-g5-g4 Black does indeed obtain good play against White’s king as his pieces are harmoniously placed.

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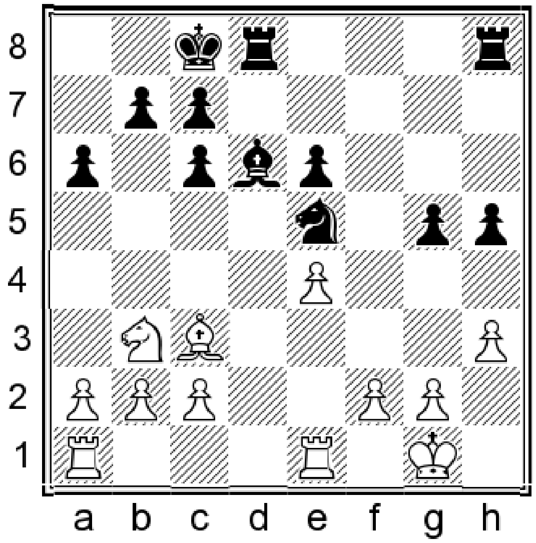
18.♗d2 The most natural square for my bishop (especially after Michael took g5 under control) is c3.

18...g5 19.♗c3 ♗d6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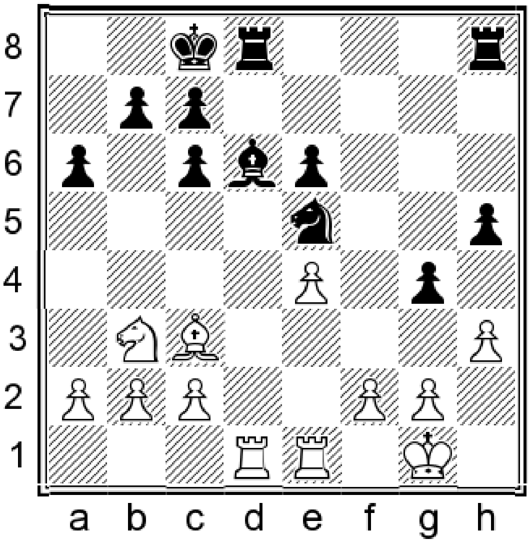
20.♖ad1

[At first, I was very much attracted by 20.♘c1 as it seemed like it would give me control over the position. I want to exchange on e5 and then bring my knight to d3, with tempo. But after 20...g4 21.♗e5 ♗e5 22.♘d3 ♗d4 somehow I don’t have enough time to consolidate my position. If I were able to play both ♖ad1 and ♔f1 it would be great. But now g3 is a threat. Then following 23.♔f1 c5 Black has at least enough play to maintain the balance and possibly even more than that.]

20...g4

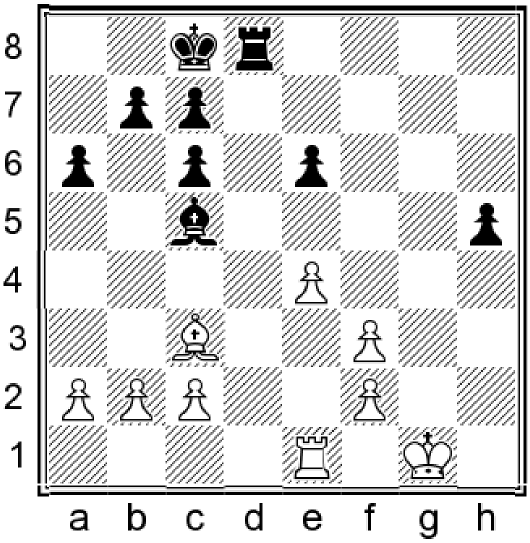


21.♘c1
[Again I was tempted to simplify the position by 21.♗e5 ♗e5 22.♖d8 ♖d8 23.hg4 hg4 24.c3 but once more I don’t have enough time to fortify my position. With the white pawn on g3 and king on e2, it must at least be very difficult, if not losing, for Black due to his worse pawn structure and huge weakness on g4. But Black is not going to wait. 24...g3! makes the position at least acceptable for Black.]

21...gh3 22.♘d3
Again ♗e5 doesn’t really work the way I would want it to, while 22.♘d3 seems to pose Black some questions without much risk.
[22.♗e5 ♗e5 23.♖d8 ♖d8 24.♘d3 ♗d4 25.gh3 c5 and Black obtains sufficient counterplay. For example upon 26.c4 comes 26...b5 which I thought was good enough for Black although there are actually also several other possibilities here. 27.♖c1 ♗g7 28.♘c5 ♖d2 I was afraid I would be much worse now, but let’s just say that it is at least unclear, from Black’s point of view.]

22...♘d3
It is now reasonable for Black to force the pawn structure that occurred in the game. And with a series of precise moves Adams does this.

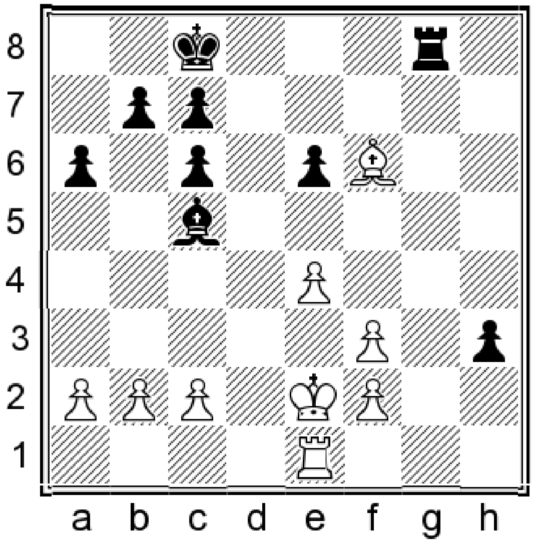
23.♖d3 ♖hf8 24.♖h3 ♗c5 25.♖f3 ♖f3 26.gf3



26...♖g8N This move might be helping me, as the h-pawn doesn’t seem to be a serious threat.
[26...b5 27.a3 ♖g8 28.♔f1 h4 29.♗d2 ♗d4 30.c3 ♗f6 31.♔e2 c5 (½ : ½ J. Seia – W. Kozlowski, corr. 2012) 32.f4 ♔d7 33.♔f3 ♗e7 34.c4 bc4 35.♗c3 ♔e8 36.♖h1 ½ : ½ Zambor – Talpak, corr. 2010]

27.♔f1 h4 28.♗f6
There were a few other options, but I thought this would force a favourable rook endgame with substantial winning chances.

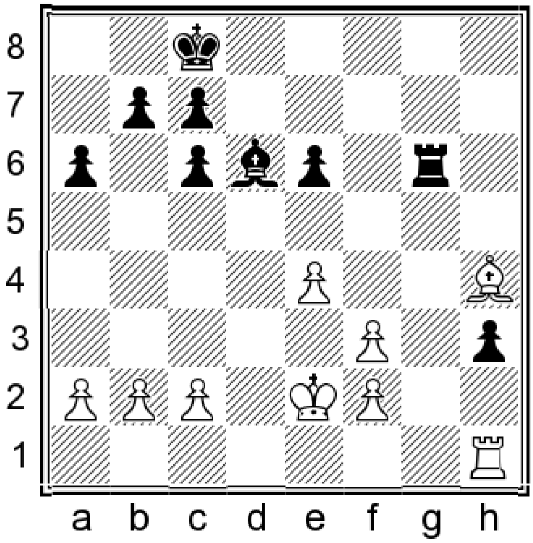
28...h3 29.♔e2



29...♖g6!
Michael finds this precise move by which he gains a tempo because of an interesting pinning motif on the h-file.
[After 29...♖g2 30.♗h4 ♗d6 31.♖h1 h2 32.♔f1 ♖g6 33.♗g3 ♗g3 34.fg3 ♖g3 35.♔f2± Black loses his pawn on h2 and will have to suffer in the resulting endgame. The fact that he can never exchange rooks adds to his troubles.]

30.♗h4
[I thought I wasn't ready to give up the control of light squares with 30.e5. I felt the game would be a draw after 30...♔d7 31.♖h1 ♖h6 32.f4 ♔e8 33.♔f3 ♔f7 34.♔g4 ♗f2 35.♖h3 ♖h3 36.♔h3 ♔g6 37.♔g4]

30...♗d6 31.♖h1



31...b5??
A very simple mistake after many precise moves by Adams. I guess that the approaching time trouble wasn't helping him. I can't really take the pawn on h3 yet because of ♖h6! and I cannot unpin myself. That was the main idea of Michael's deep ♖g6 move. Now he has one move to do whatever he wants. But after ♔f1 he will have to act. Then h2 would be a reasonable choice, after which I can enter the same rook endgame by playing ♗g3.
I guess Michael thought b5 would be the most useful thing to do with his spare tempo. Pushing his pawns on the queenside makes a lot of sense. But he forgot to check if I would have any new, original ideas. Unfortunately for him, the most logical move ♔e3 basically decides the game. I don't have any better explanation – after several hours of play, many variations and permutations, Adams just forgot to check this important KING move.
[31...♗f4! was the right way and Black holds. For example: 32.♔f1 (32.♖h3?? ♖h6∓) 32...e5! Opening the sixth rank for the rook and at the same time defending the bishop on f4. The position after 33.♖h3 ♖d6 seems to be a draw. 34.♗g3 ♖d2 35.♗f4 ef4 36.b4 ♖c2 37.♖h8 ♔d7 38.♖h7 ♔d6 39.♖h6 ♔d7 40.♖h7=]

32.♔e3!
Now I will probably go f3-f4, play ♗g5 and bring my king to g4. Then just collect the pawn and win. There is nothing Black can do.

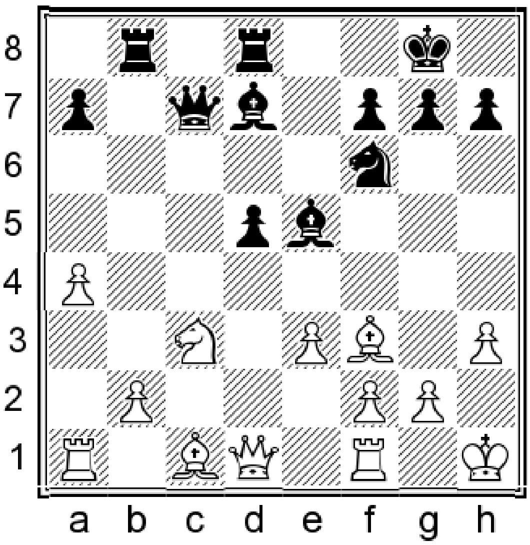
32...♖h6 33.♗g5 ♖h5 34.f4 e5 35.♔f3 ef4 36.♔g4 ♖h8 37.♖h3 ♖g8 38.♔f5 c5 39.♗f6 c4 40.♖h8 ♖h8 41.♗h8 ♗c5 42.f3 ♗e3 43.♔e6 ♗c1 44.♔f7 a5 45.♗g7 a4 46.e5 ♗b2 47.e6 ♗a3 48.♗f8
1 : 0 Solak

BOLT KING

Well, there was really nothing strange about the kings in this game, except for the fact that I somehow totally underestimated the king’s speed and for this reason lost the game.

D10
Kveinys 2510 — Solak 2628
Reykjavik (9), 2015

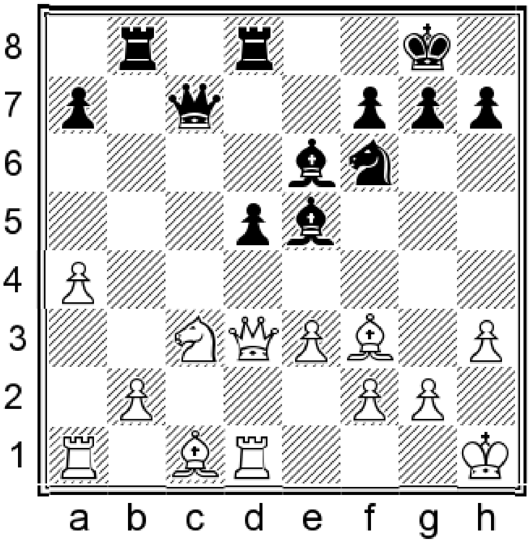
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗f5 5.cd5 cd5 6.♕b3 ♘c6 7.♕b7 ♗d7 8.♕b3 ♖b8 9.♕d1 e5 10.de5 ♘e5 11.♗e2 ♗d6 12.♘f3 ♘f3 13.♗f3 ♕c7 14.h3 0-0 15.0-0 ♖fd8 16.a4 ♗h2 17.♔h1 ♗e5



18.♕d3?!N
I was hoping to catch Aloyzas by surprise, but up to here he was quite confident. He was either familiar with the recent game between Etienne and Rauf or, more likely, his chess understanding was suggesting good and solid moves in this gambit line.
[In case of 18.♘d5 White certainly retains some winning chances without any risk. Nevertheless Black should be able to hold without too much trouble, e.g. 18...♘d5 19.♗d5 ♗e6 20.e4 ♗d5 21.ed5 ♕c4 22.♗e3 ♗b2 23.♖b1 ♖d5 24.♕g4 ♕g4 25.hg4 ♖b4 26.♗a7 ♖a5 27.♖fd1 h6 28.♗e3 ♖aa4 29.♗d2 ♖b3 30.♗c1 ♖ab4 ½:½ Bacrot 2697 – Mamedov 2657 Berlin (rapid) 2015]

18...♗e6
After one imprecise move by Kveinys, I felt optimistic. White does have some practical problems to solve now. One of my ideas is to attack his h3 pawn and then sacrifice the bishop. My rook might be transferred to the kingside via b4.

19.♖d1?!



Aloyzas Kveinys. Photo by Harald Fietz

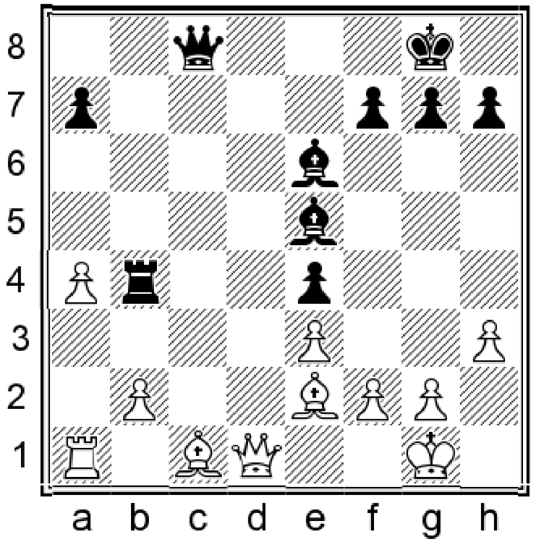
19...♕c8?!

[19...♘e4 was the correct move, but I couldn’t see the critical follow up many moves later. If White doesn’t take my knight, then his position will be much worse (though not necessarily lost). I looked at 20.♘e4 de4 21.♕e4 ♖d1 22.♗d1 ♖d8 (22...♕a5? 23.♗d2!) 23.♗e2 ♕a5 24.f4 (24.b4 ♕c7 –+) 24...♕e1 25.♔h2 ♗f6 26.♕f3 but around here stopped thinking, as the position wasn’t clear. And since I liked my prospects after a more peaceful move, I decided to go for this instead. But in our walk after the game, all my team mates were persuading me that Black had more than enough compensation for the sacrificed pawns. Both Alex Ipatov and Emre Can were suggesting ...♗h4, and they were right! 26...♗h4! 27.e4 The only way to stop the deadly ...♗d5. Then 27...♖d1 is only one of many attractive continuations. There follows 28.♗d1 ♗f2 29.♕f2 ♕f2 and while it is not yet certain that Black will win, this was by some margin the most promising way to continue the game.]

20.♕f1 ♖b4 21.♔g1 ♘e4 22.♘e4?!

This was not necessary, but I suppose that Kveinys was afraid of ♘g5 and a possible attack on his king.

22...de4 23.♗e2 ♖d1 24.♕d1



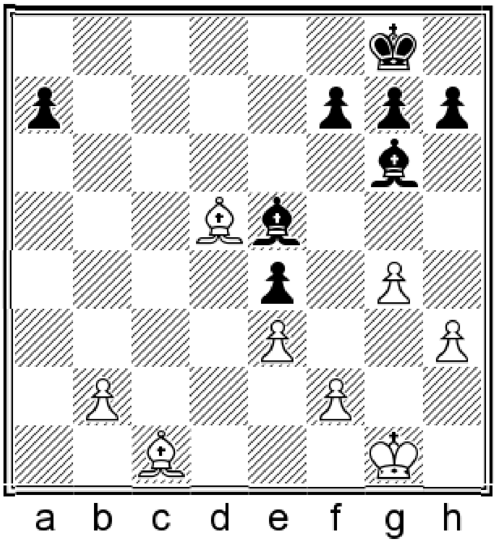
24...♗b3?

I am so embarrassed at playing this shameful move. I was getting low on time and decided to regain the sacrificed pawn, possibly maintaining a very tiny edge. Of course, there is no edge at all, my mind was only playing tricks on me, trying to persuade me to take the safe path. When I look at the position now, my decision looks almost comical. It is clear that I am better. This was clear to me during the game as well. My pieces are harmoniously placed and there are many possible scenarios where I launch a decisive attack. It is not easy, though, to pick the right move. I should have just chosen one of the nice looking, useful options. Like ...h6. Instead I went for the pawn, gave up the initiative and even missed a very simple move for my opponent after which I find myself on the defending side.

25.♕d2 ♖a4? 26.♖a4 ♗a4 27.♗c4!

Aloyzas now has real winning chances. His bishop on c4 is a real monster and will soon be protected by a pawn. My e4 pawn is weak and I also have to take care of the back rank. I think that my decision to exchange queens here was justified. I was hoping I would be able to eliminate his last queenside pawn and draw the game.

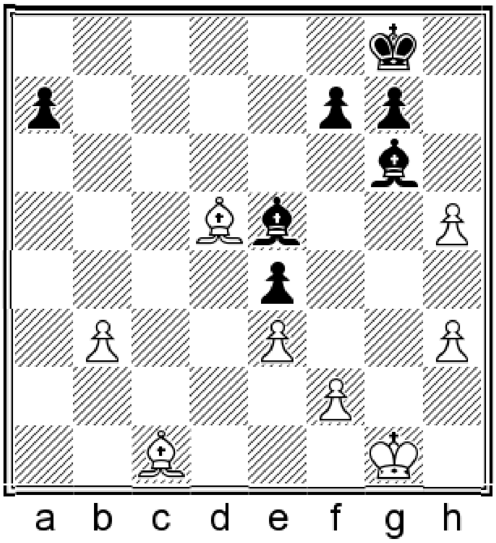
27...♕d7 28.♕d7 ♗d7 29.♗d5! ♗f5 30.g4! ♗g6



31.b3!

After a series of precise moves by the Lithuanian grandmaster, I am at the crossroads. There are probably several ways to achieve a draw, but none of them is simple. During the game, I was not thrilled by passive defence and was mostly concentrated on variations after ...h5.

31...h5? 32.gh5



32...♗f5?

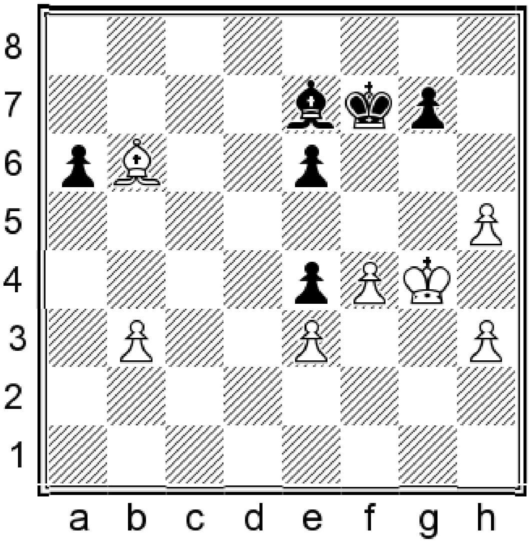
I thought I was one step away from a draw now. Aloyzas can’t prevent ...♗e6. Then he will have to exchange bishops, since giving away the last queenside pawn leaves me with no problems at all. Then my king marches to h5 and collects his pawn. Draw. But with little time on my clock, I somehow forgot about his king!

[After 32...♗h5 33.♗e4 ♗d1 34.♗d5± I knew it had to be a draw if the queenside pawns were exchanged, but it seems that White can resist this.]

33.♔g2! ♗e6 34.♗e6 fe6 35.f4!

[35.f3 ♔h7 36.fe4 ♔h6 was the line I was hoping to see. Then 37.♗a3 ♔h5 38.♗c5 ♗b8!=]

35...♗c7 36.♗b2 a6 37.♗d4 ♔f7 38.♔g3 ♗b8 39.♔g4 ♗d6 40.♗b6 ♗e7 41.♗a7 ♗b4 42.♗d4 ♗d6 43.♗b6 ♗e7



I was still hoping for some incredible luck and that maybe there would be no way for White to win. But with an extra pawn, better king and the weakness on g7, chess logic tells us that the position has to be lost. It took Kveinys some time to discover the correct sequence, but once he did, his execution was merciless.

44.f5 e5 45.♗c7 ♗c5
Upon 45...♗f6 White brings his bishop to h4 via e1. Then he will able to push h5-h6. After the exchange of White’s doubled pawn, I no longer have any chance.
[45...♔f6 46.h4 This important spare move seals my fate. I have to move my bishop and White plays ♗d8-g5, winning.]

46.♗e5 ♗e3 47.♗f4 ♗d4 48.♗g5 ♗e5 49.h4 ♗d6 50.h6 gh6 51.♗h6 ♗c5 52.♗g5 ♗d6 53.h5 ♔g7 54.f6 ♔h7 55.♔f5
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MIRRORING

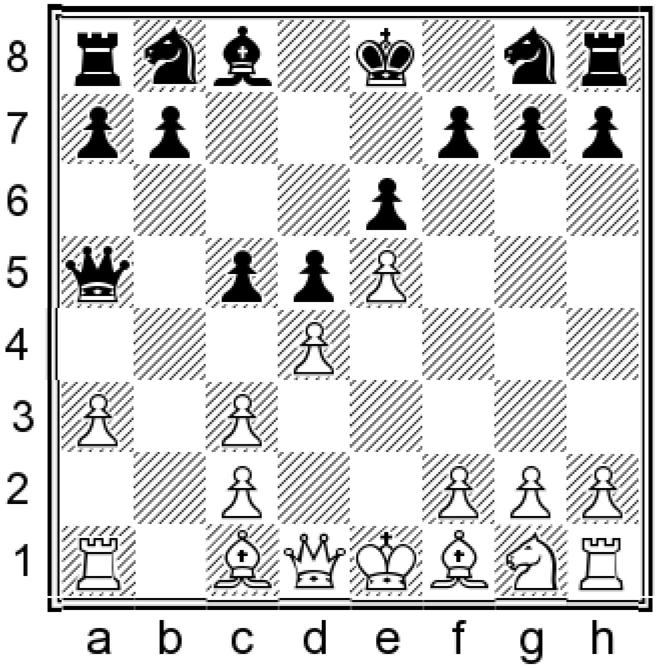
Emanuel Berg

A CLASSIC PLAN IN THE WINAWER FRENCH IS IMBUED WITH NEW SPIRIT

IS THE QUEEN REALLY A BAD BLOCKADER?

After writing three books on the French Defence, Emanuel Berg returns to the 'scene of the crime'.

In this mirror we will take on the French Winawer starting from the position reached after
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗c3 6.bc3 ♕a5!?



A rather unusual move which has the interesting idea of blocking White’s a-pawn by ...♕a4 on the next move. Thus Black can keep the position closed and not allow White to activate his dark-squared bishop along the a3-f8 diagonal. The drawback is that the queen is quite a valuable piece to use as a blockader. Moreover it might be easier to drive away the queen than a minor piece.

7.♗d2

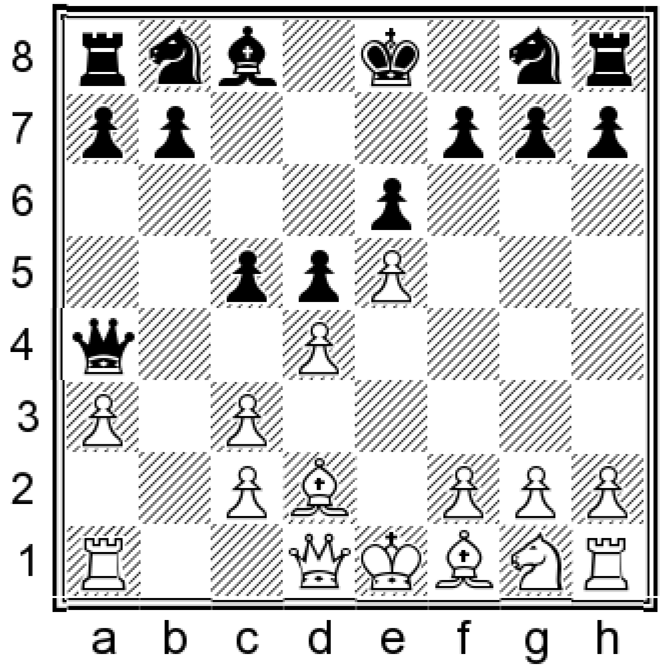
This is the main continuation by far, although 7.♕d2 has also been tried by strong players.

7...♕a4

Black now blocks the a3-pawn while also exerting pressure against the centre and threatening to win the pawn on d4. However the d4-pawn is often poisoned as an opening of the position can only benefit the player with the two bishops and this would open diagonals for the bishop on d2. Instead Black’s aim now is to maintain the blockade on a4 with the strategical objective of keeping control over the light squares on the queenside, in particular c4.

BLACK

C18
Poetsch 2509 — Sjodahl 2404
Stockholm 2016



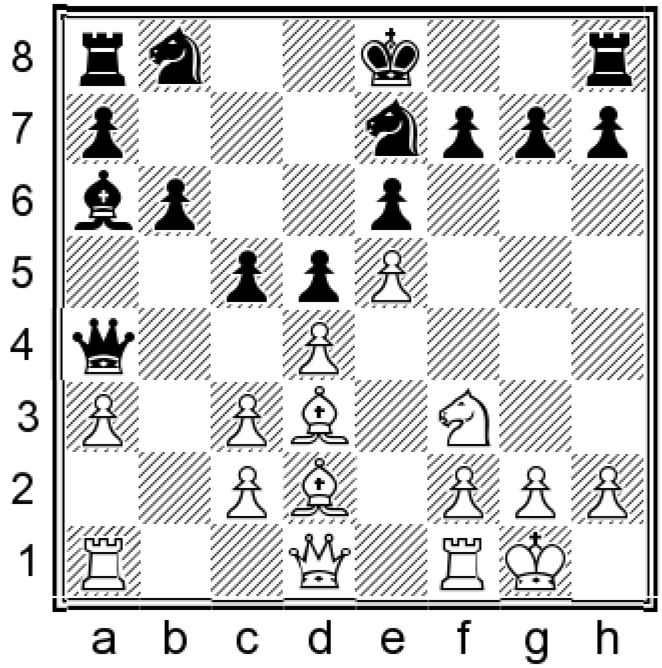
8.♘f3

A logical move, defending the pawn on d4. However it has declined in popularity and not been played much recently – for good reasons I would say! From the note to Black's previous move we know that defending d4 is not such an important issue. White should rather try to create weaknesses in Black's camp by playing 8.♕g4 or 8.♕b1 (as seen in the next game) in order to prevent Black's idea of playing ...b6 followed by ...♗a6.

8...b6!

Preparing an exchange of the light-squared bishop which will strengthen Black's control over c4. Any French player knows that this exchange is one of Black's main ideas and once it is made he has usually solved any opening problems.

9.♗d3 ♗a6 10.0-0 ♘e7



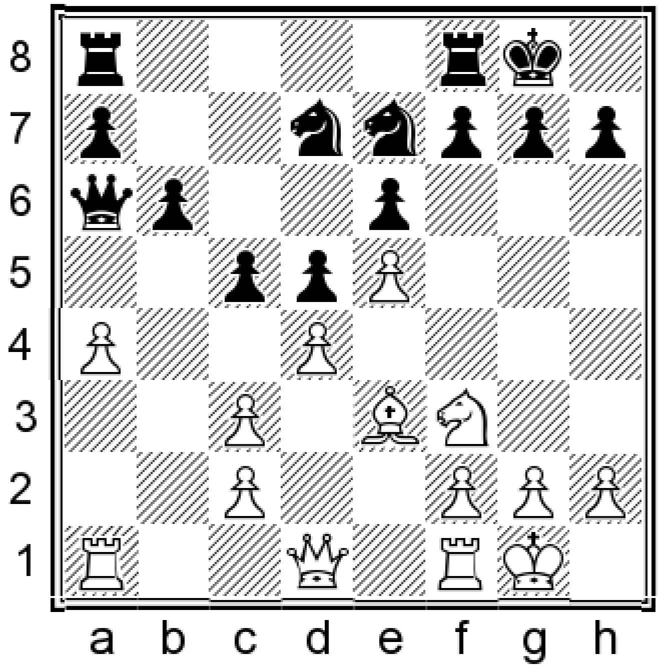
Now it's time to continue development. There is no hurry exchanging the bishops on d3. Allowing cd3 would only strengthen White's control over c4.

11.♗e3
White is playing slowly and gives Black plenty of time to complete his development. Perhaps 11.dc5, to open up the position a bit, would be better although it gives Black a favourable pawn structure.

11...♘d7 12.♗a6?!
It's hard to find good moves for White. However this exchange clearly plays into Black's hands. Now the c4-square becomes a permanent weakness.

12...♕a6 13.a4
At least White has been able to break the blockade on a4 but Black is in perfect control and already has a distinct advantage.

13...0-0



14.a5N
White decides to give up his a-pawn rather than to preserve it as a weakness on a4.
[RR14.♘d2 Tsyvarev 2162 – Lysyj 2315, Russia 2001; 14.♘g5 Sanchez Millones 1770 – M. Pacheco 2376, Lima 2013]

14...ba5 15.dc5
Finally White's bishop on e3 starts to acquire some space. However it's a high price to pay in view of the many weak pawns on the c-file.

15...♖fc8 16.♕c1 Intending ♕a3. **16...♘g6 17.♗d4 ♘c5 18.♖a3**
[18.h4!?, seeking counterplay on the kingside, was worth trying.]

18...♘e4 19.♕e3 ♖c4!
Preparing to advance the a5-pawn, while also exerting further pressure along the c-file.

20.♖fa1 a4 21.♘e1
Now Black needs to take f2-f3 into account.

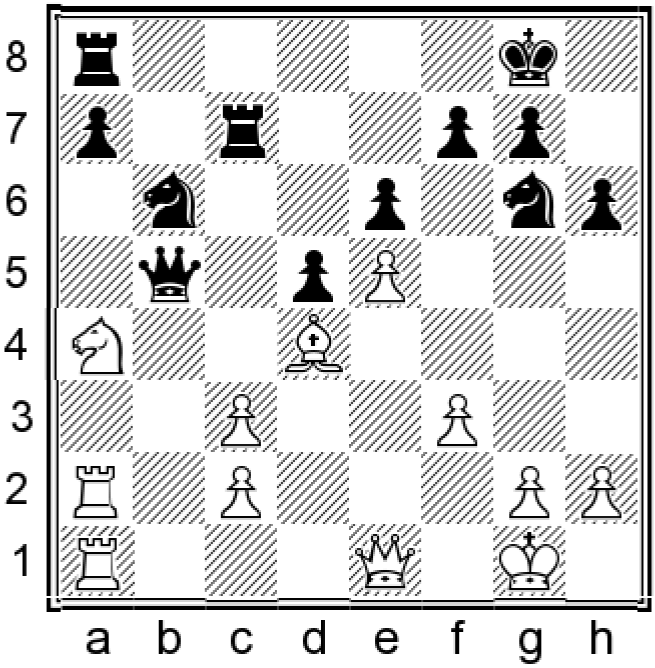
21...♕b5 Giving the knight a square on c5, whilst taking control of the open b-file.

22.f3

[22.♘d3, renewing the threat of c3, is well met by 22...♖ac8 when c3 is loose.]

22...♘c5 23.♘d3 ♘d7 24.♖3a2 ♘b6
Regrouping the knight which is heading towards c4.

25.♕e1 h6 26.♘b2 ♖c7 27.♘a4



27...♘a4!
Eliminating White's knight makes Black's advantage even more obvious. White has no counterplay at all and Black has an easy game, remaining with excellent winning chances and limited risks.

28.♖a4 a5 29.c4
White naturally seizes the chance to simplify the position and exchange his doubled c-pawn. However this does not solve his problems.

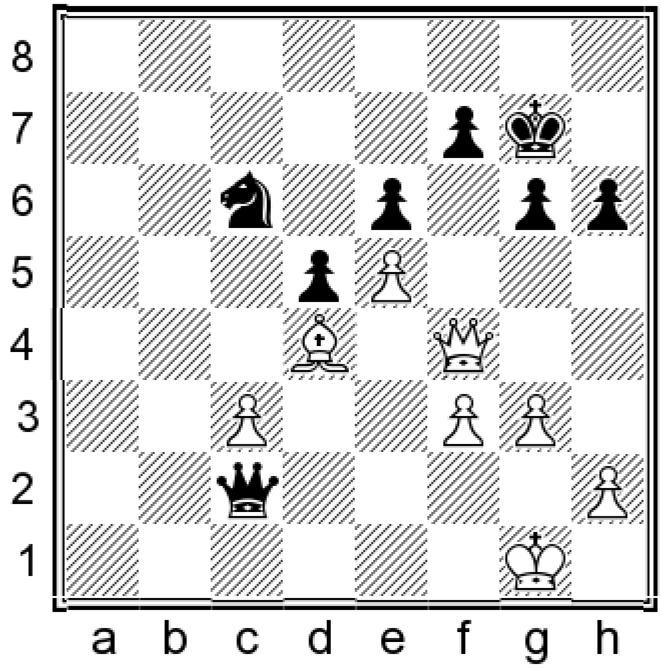
29...♖c4 30.♖a5 ♖a5 31.♖a5 ♕c6 32.c3 ♖a4!
Forcing an exchange of rooks gives Black an active position. It's well known that a queen and knight work well together. Now Black will have two active pieces, while White's bishop on d4 is more of a spectator desperately defending the weak pawns on c3 and e5.

33.♖a4 ♕a4 34.♕b1 ♘f4 35.♕b8 ♔h7 36.♕b1 ♔g8 37.♕b8 ♔h7 38.♕b1 g6
A slight weakness. However it's hard for White to create active counterplay since his own king is not safe.

39.♔f2 ♕c4 40.♕c2 ♔g7 41.g3 ♘d3 42.♔e3 ♘b4
Making good use of the tactical opportunities in the position.

43.♕d2 ♘c6 44.♔f2 ♕b3 45.♕f4
White starts to get a bit of counterplay but Black's king is still safe thanks to the knight on c6 defending e7 and d8.

45...♕c2 46.♔g1



46...♕e2!
White is almost in *zugzwang*.

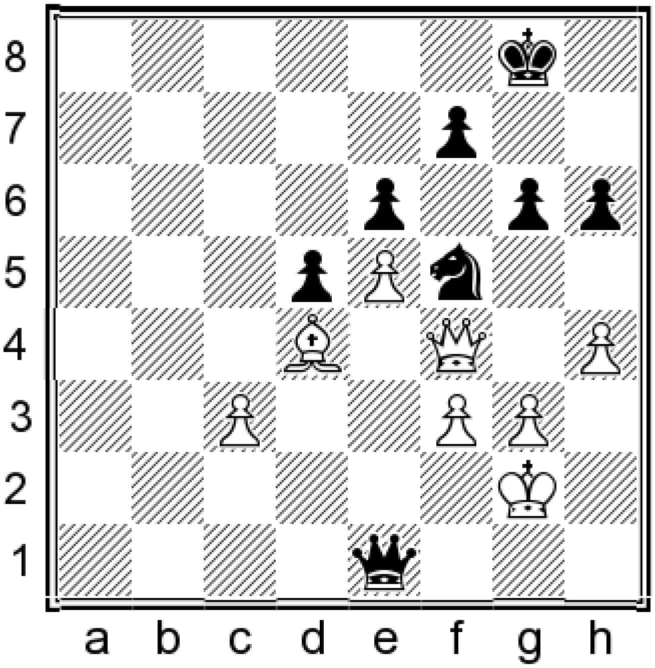
47.h4
An active move, providing space for the king on g1. However it weakens the pawn on g3. [The alternative 47.♕f6 ♔g8 48.♕f4 could be considered, waiting for Black’s reaction.]

47...♔g8 Walking out of the check on f6 while preparing to activate the knight on c6.

48.♔h1 ♘e7!
Activating the knight towards f5 where it serves both as a defender and an attacker.

49.♔g1 ♕e1 50.♔g2 ♘f5
Once again White has few moves at his disposal.

51.♔h2 ♔f8 52.♗c5 ♔g7 53.♗d4 ♔g8 54.♔g2



54...h5! Black uses the zugzwang and restricts White’s movements even further.

55.♔h2 ♕f1!
Suddenly there is a real *zugzwang* where apparently all White’s moves lead to the loss of a pawn.

56.g4
[56.♗g1 ♕e2 57.♔h1 ♕e1 would also lose a pawn.]

56...♘h4 57.♔g3 ♘g2 58.♕d2 h4 59.♔h2 ♘e1

A well played game by Swedish IM Pontus Sjodahl who showed a better understanding of the ideas in the opening. As a consequence of this he obtained a favourable position which he gradually converted into victory.

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WHITE

As seen in the previous game Black can get comfortable play if allowed to play ...b6 and ... ♗a6. Here White is more up-to-date with the position and chooses a different move from 8.♘f3 in order to forestall Black’s intentions.

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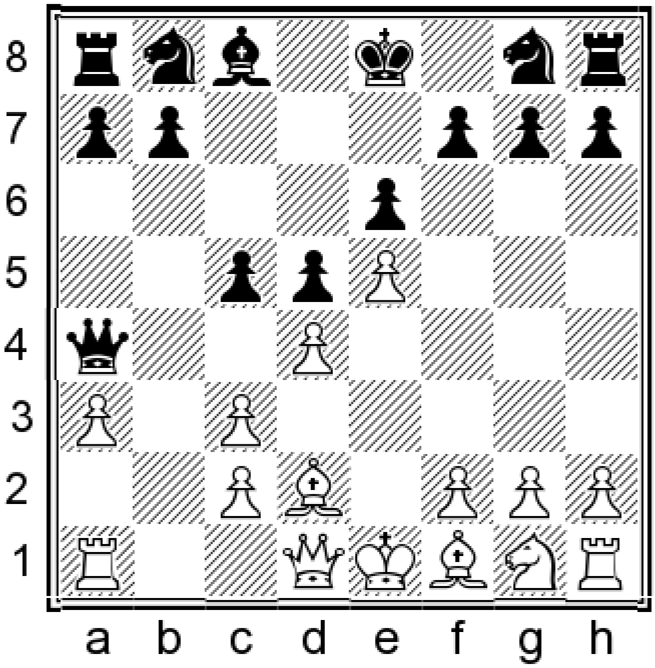
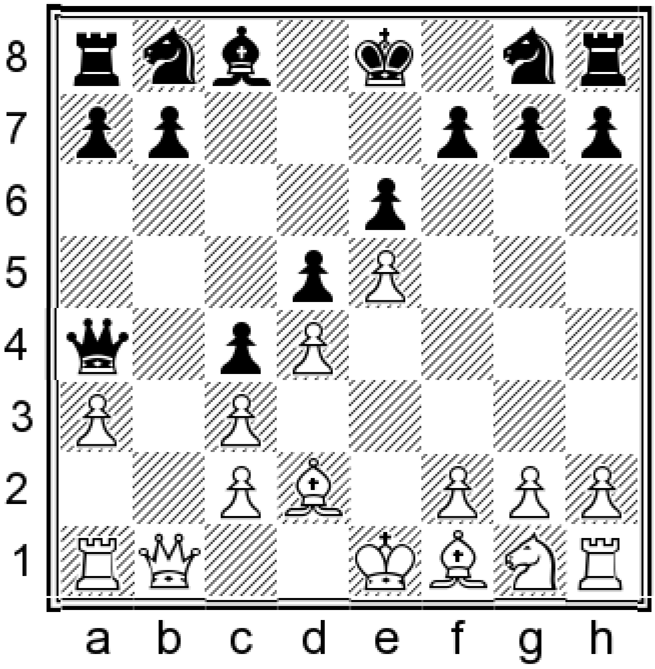
Pichot 2517 — Cruz 2553
Antofagasta 2016



8.♕b1!?
White threatens to win the queen by ♗b5 while the other idea is ♕b3 in order to straighten out the doubled c-pawn.
[The alternative main move is 8.♕g4 which is equally popular.]

8...c4



This is the main continuation and pretty necessary. It closes the queenside, which might be good in a way. However a clear drawback is that c4 can no longer be used by Black's pieces and the bishop on c8 will get stuck behind its own pawns for quite a while.
[The alternative 8...a6 allows 9.♕b3 ♕b3 10.cb3 with a slightly favourable endgame for White.]

9.h4!
Since the queenside is almost permanently closed White now has to start playing on the kingside. Running with the h-pawn is logical under these circumstances and, as an exception, more important than the usual piece development in the

opening.

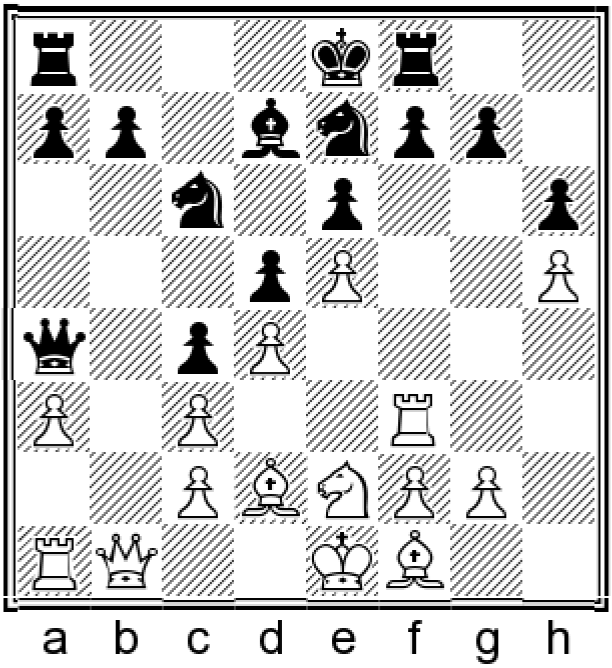
9...♘c6 10.h5
Now h5-h6 can be regarded as a threat as it would weaken the dark squares on Black's kingside.

10...h6
[A logical reply, although the alternative 10...♗d7 is also interesting, intending 11.h6 ♘h6 12.♗h6 gh6 followed by ...0-0-0]

11.♘e2!?
An interesting choice of development for the knight. White intends to use his rook along the third rank.
[11.♘f3 is slightly more popular (RR Sadvakasov 2555 – Pogorelov 2460, Moscow 2002 – 84/240) while 11.g3 is the main continuation, intending ♗h3 with the idea of pushing f4-f5 later on; RR Kobalia 2654 – Akopian 2706, Russia 2006 – 97/194]

11...♘ge7 12.♖h3 ♗d7 13.♖f3N
Preventing the desired ...0-0-0 for Black.
[RR 13.♖g3 Vitiugov 2447 – Lubashov 2414, Russia 2003; 13.g4 Akshayraj 2395 – Ton That Nhu Tung 2230, Kuala Lumpur 2006]

13...♖f8



Black defends f7 and completes his preparation for castling. However he would rather have left the rook on h8, if possible, and put his other rook on f8.

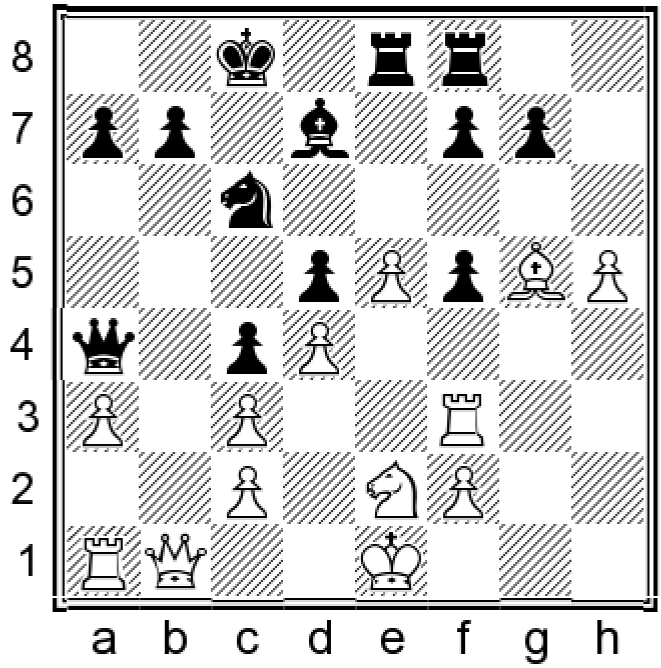
14.g4! White prepares an opening on the kingside in order to get his bishops into play.

14...0-0-0 15.g5 ♘f5 16.♗h3 hg5
Allowing an opening of the kingside.
[16...♘ce7 was also worthy of consideration.]

17.♗f5! ef5 18.♗g5
Now it's clear that White's bishop has more scope than Black's counterpart on d7. Also the knight on e2 has good squares. The only thing that can be questioned is the uncastled king on e1.

18...♖de8

Introducing an x-ray attack on e1.



19.♔f1

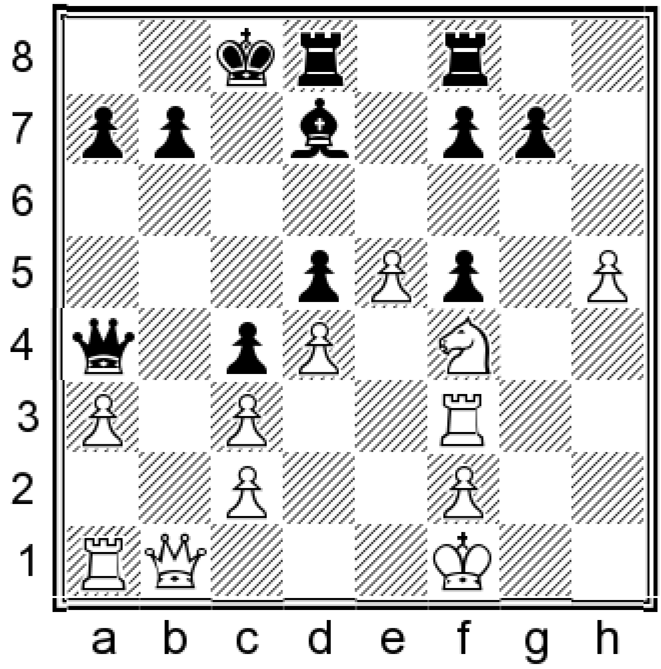
[The immediate 19.♔d2 looks logical and was likely a better place for the king as from there it defends the c2-pawn, allowing the queen to move away from b1.]

19...♘d8?

Black rushes for the blockading square on e6. However, allowing White to exchange his strongest minor piece is a fatal mistake.

[Instead 19...♘b8! should be played when the knight can reach its destination on e6 via a6-c7.]

20.♗d8! ♖d8 21.♘f4



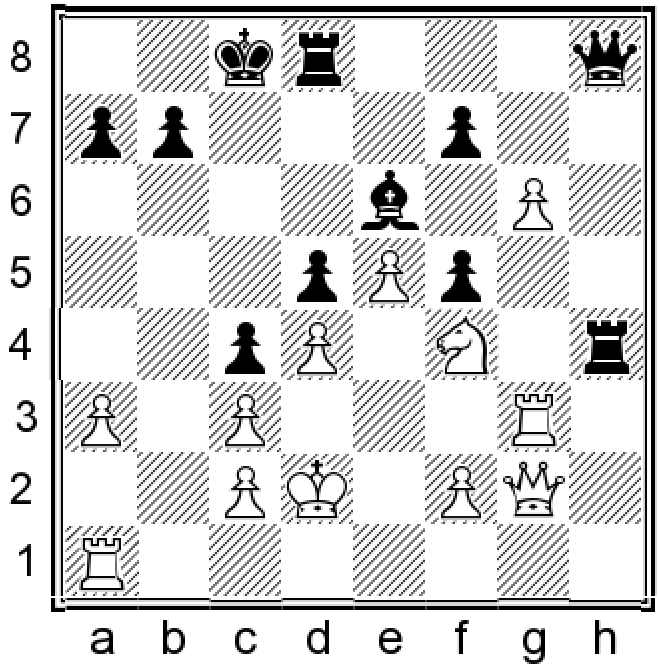
Suddenly the position has changed quite a lot. White has a golden knight on f4 while Black's bishop has become a "big pawn" with not much of a future. Although the material is equal Black is left with few chances of survival.

21...♖h8 22.♔e2!
Now the king is heading for the optimal square on d2 where it can defend the c-pawns.

22...♗e6
Now the bishop becomes even more pawn-like although it defends backwards too.

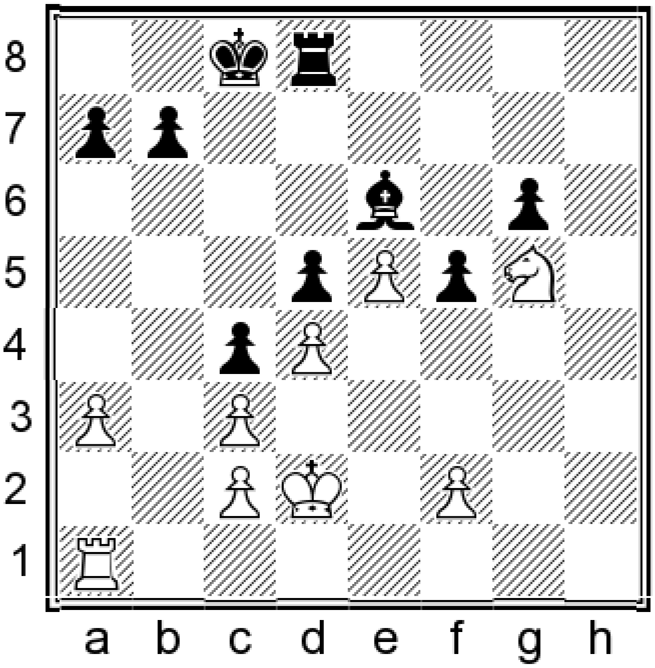
23.♖g3 ♖h7 24.♔d2 ♕e8 25.♕g1 ♕h8 26.♕g2
White is about to triple on the g-file, so Black has to take his last chance to create counterplay.

26...g6!? 27.hg6 ♖h4



28.♖h3!
One of several ways leading to victory. Black will maintain the material balance but ends up in a technically lost endgame.

28...♖h3 29.♕h3 ♕h3 30.♘h3 fg6 31.♘g5



In a materially equal but nevertheless totally hopeless position Black resigned. White will soon enter with his rook along the open h-file when there will be no chances saving the game.

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Conclusion

White came up with an interesting idea in the opening, using his rook along the third rank, and managed to generate some initiative. Later on, the deciding factor was Black's misjudgement of allowing White to exchange his knight on d8 which lead to a strategically lost position for him..

Berg

Plan your play with either White or Black!

Mirroring is about two carefully selected annotated games played from the same opening tabiya – a popular and important opening position, from where play branches out to several topical paths.

The goal is to present and explain the main plans and ideas of both sides, conducted in a manner as close as possible to their ideal form. These concepts should serve as a compass for readers, providing an essential tool to help navigate a way through the dense forests of opening theory.

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Karsten Mueller

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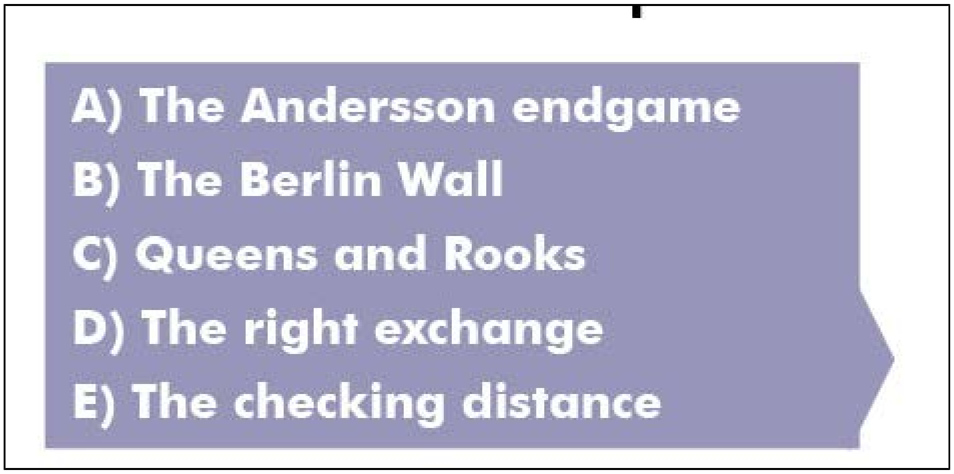
ENDGAME STRATEGY

ENDGAME THEMES FROM THE LONDON CLASSIC

The Berlin and other endgames...

Even the live game commentators were sometimes wrong. The truth about endgames frequently comes to light only after lengthy investigation, as GM Karsten Mueller demonstrates in 11 illustrative positions.

I have selected a few endgames from the London Chess Classic and sorted them by motif.


A) The Andersson endgame
B) The Berlin Wall
C) Queens and Rooks
D) The right exchange
E) The checking distance

A) The Andersson endgame

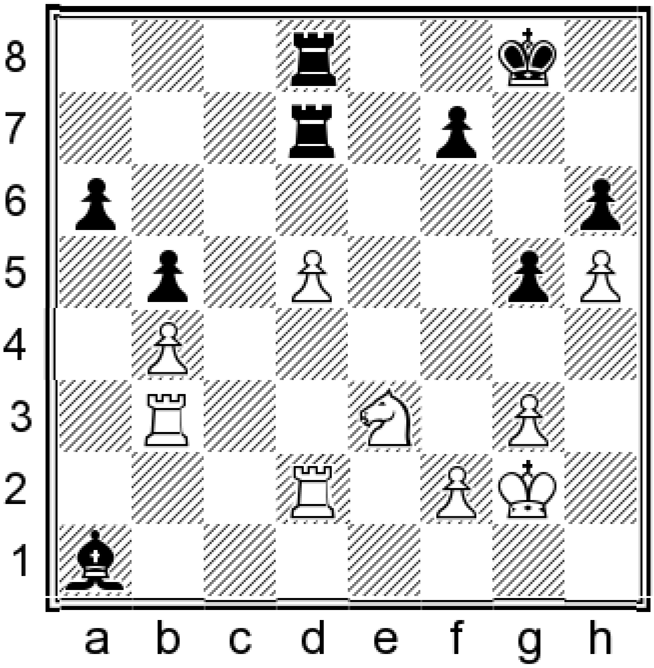
When the side with the knight has the advantage in endgames with rooks and knight against rooks and bishop, it can be called the Andersson endgame – after the famous Swedish grandmaster Ulf Andersson, who handles the knight like a real virtuoso and has won many games with this material configuration. The knight wants full freedom of movement so it has time for lengthy manoeuvring and tactical threats. The player with the knight has the upper hand if the following positional elements are in place:

1) The enemy bishop is bad (out of play) or is punching in the air.

2) There is a broken pawn structure with good outpost squares for the knight.

3) There is a weak colour complex which cannot be controlled by the bishop. In the following position from London the light squares on Black’s kingside are dominated by the knight. As the knight moves closer to the enemy king its tactical powers come into play:

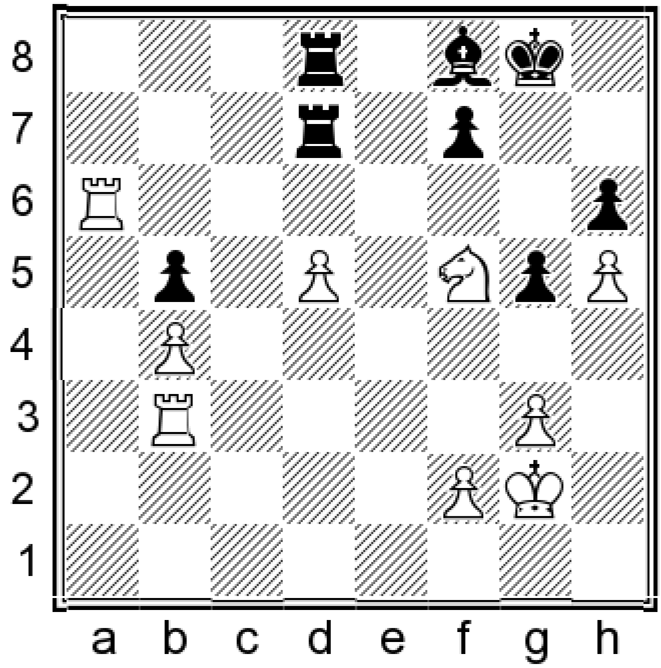
Nakamura 2793 — Anand 2803
London 2016



36.♖a2 ♗d4 37.♘f5!
[Of course, the knight must remain on the board as 37.♖a6? ♗e3 38.♖e3 ♔g7 is objectively only a draw.]

37...♗g7
[37...♖d5?! runs into the double attack 38.♘e7+–]

38.♖a6 ♗f8



39.d6! Again, it is important that the minor pieces remain on the board.

39...♗d6 40.♘h6 ♔h7 41.♘g4
Black resigned because of the following sequence, which inevitably includes some tactical niceties: 41...♔g7 42.♖f3 ♗b4 43.h6 ♔f8 44.♖g6 A pin! 44...♖d3 45.h7 ♗c3 46.♖g8 ♔e7 47.♖f6+– Closing of a diagonal.
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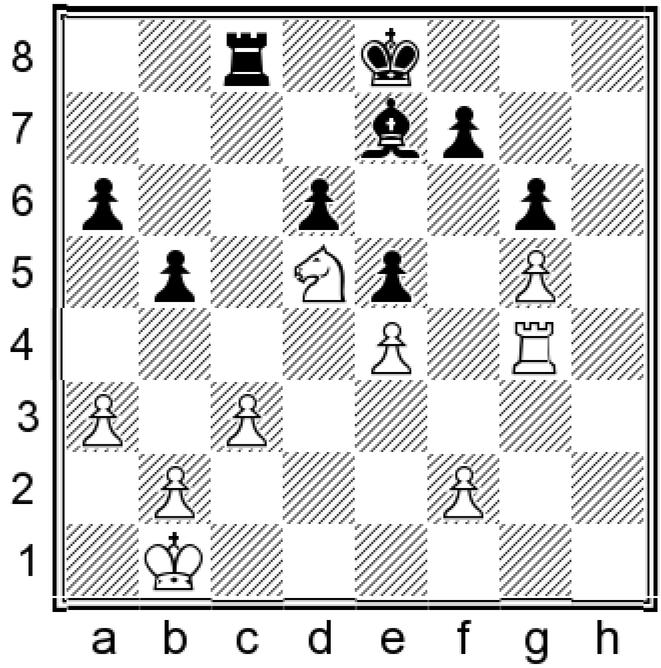
The next example has the same theme. Anand won a model game with a dominating knight on d5:

Anand 2803 — Topalov 2803
London 2015



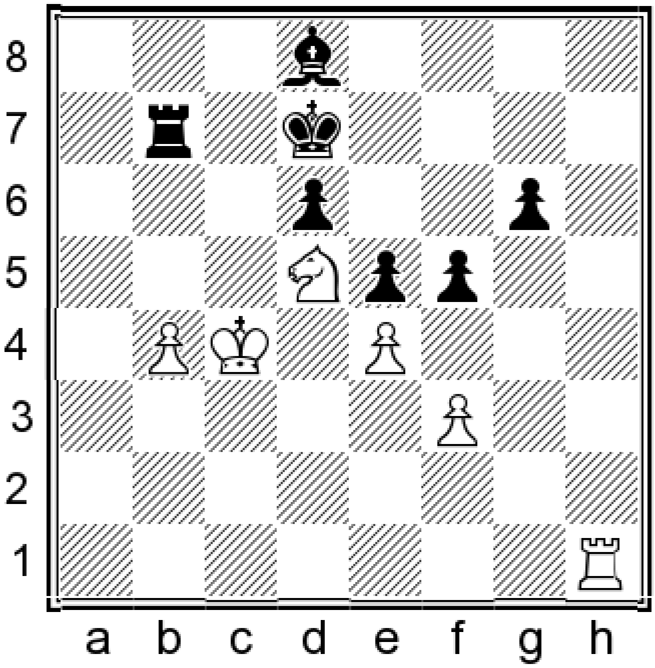
30...♖c6?!

[Surprisingly 30...♖b8 is called for, e.g. 31.♘c7 (31.♔c2 ♔d7 32.♔b3 ♖h8=) 31...♔d7 32.♘a6 ♖h8 33.♘b4 ♖h5 with counterplay.]

31.♔c2 ♔d7 32.♔b3 ♗d8 33.a4
The typical pawn lever to open the queenside.

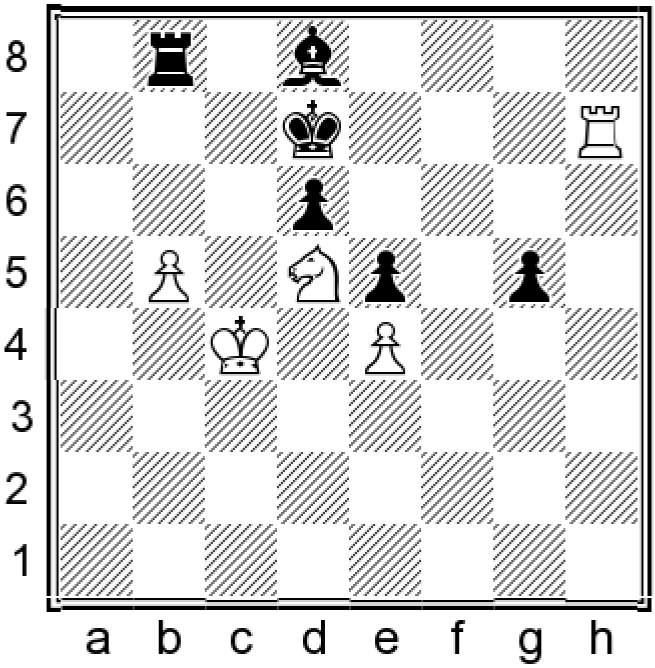
33...♖c5 34.ab5 ♖b5 35.♔a2 a5 36.b4 ab4 37.cb4 Now Anand has created a dangerous passed pawn.

37...♖b7 38.♔b3 ♖b8 39.♖g1 ♖b7 40.♖g3 ♖b8 41.♖g1 ♖b7 42.♖a1 ♗g5 43.♔c4 ♗d8 44.f3 f5 45.♖h1



Anand uses the principle of two weaknesses and plans to invade with his rook on the kingside. This is a typical advantage held by the attacker, as his forces are more mobile.

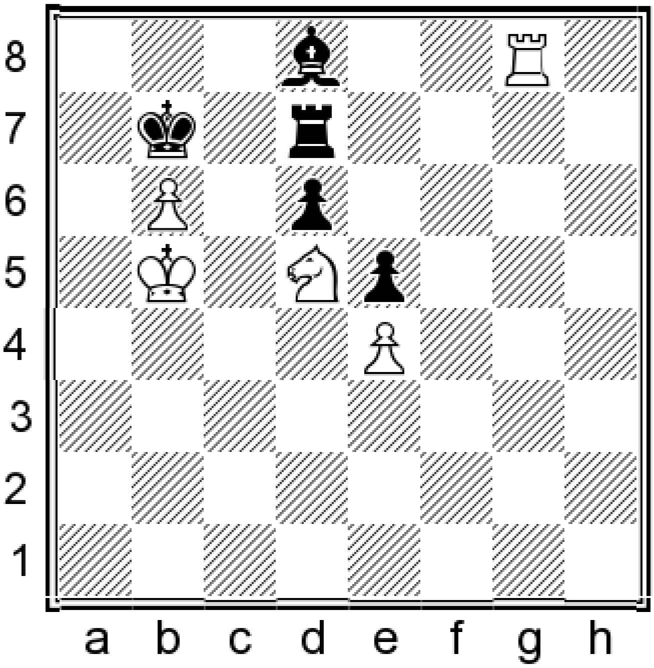
45...fe4 46.fe4 g5 47.b5 ♖b8 48.♖h7



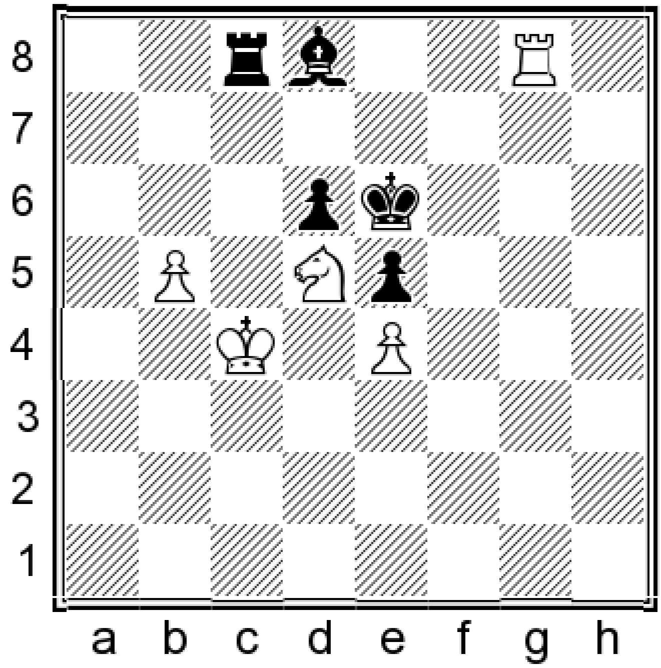
48...♔e6? Topalov cracks under the pressure. Now Black’s king is too far away to defend the queenside.
[48...♔c8 saves the day, e.g. 49.♘b4 (49.b6 ♗b6 50.♔b5 ♗d8 51.♔c6 ♖b1=) 49...♖b7 50.♖h8 ♔d7 51.♘c6 ♗b6 52.♖h7 ♔c8 53.♘e7 ♔c7 54.♖h8 ♖a7 55.♘d5 ♔b7 56.♖h7 ♔b8 57.♖h6 ♗c5 58.b6 ♖g7=]

49.♔b4 g4 50.♖g7 g3 51.♖g3 ♖b7 52.♖g6 ♔d7 53.♖g7 ♔c8 54.♖g8 ♔d7
[After 54...♖f7 55.b6 ♖f1 White’s king invades with 56.♔b5 ♖b1 57.♔c6 ♖c1 58.♔d6+–]

55.♔c4 ♖b8
[The alternative 55...♔c8 56.b6 ♖d7 57.♔b5 ♔b7 is defeated by 58.♖f8 ♗g5 59.♘b4 ♗d8 60.♘a6 ♗b6 61.♖b8 ♔a7 62.♖b6 d5 63.♘b8 ♖b7 64.♘c6 ♔a8 65.♖b7 ♔b7 66.ed5+–]



56.♖g7 ♔e6 57.♔b4 ♗a5 58.♔c4 ♗d8 59.♖g8 ♖c8
[59...♔d7 does not help due to 60.♖g7 ♔c8 61.♘e7 ♗e7 62.♖e7 ♖b6 63.♔b4+–]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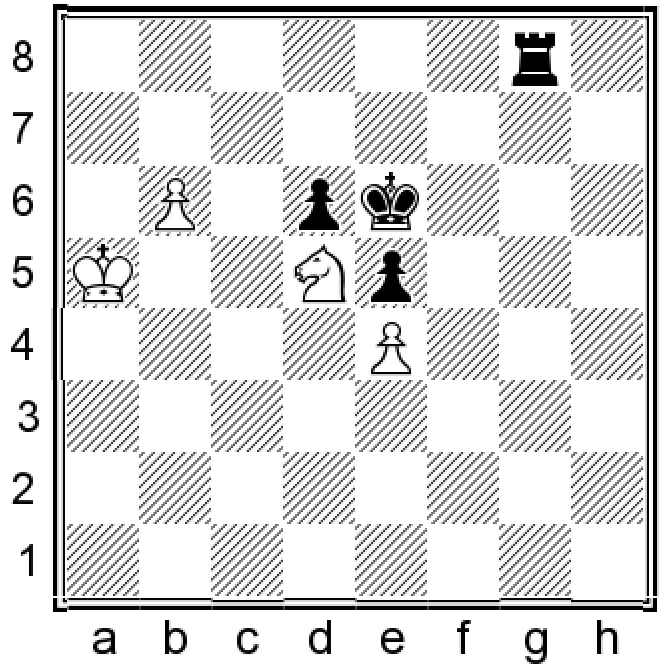
60.♔d3? This gives Black time to organise a defence.
[The surprising sacrifice 60.♔b4 ♗a5 (60...♔d7 61.♖g7+–) 61.♔a5 ♖g8 62.b6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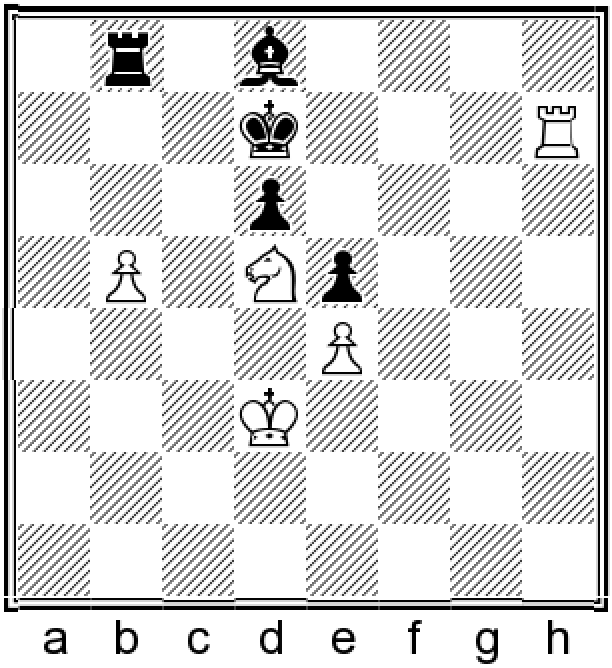
wins, e.g. 62...♖a8 (62...♔d7 63.♘f6+–) 63.♔b5 ♔d7 64.b7 ♖a1 65.b8♕ ♖b1 66.♘b4+–]

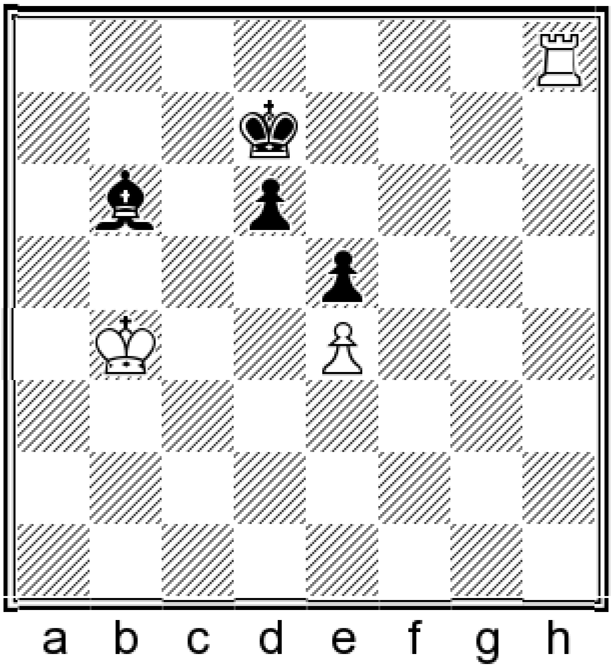
60...♖b8 61.♖h8 ♔d7 62.♖h7



62...♔e6?

Here the king is caught in the middle of nowhere.

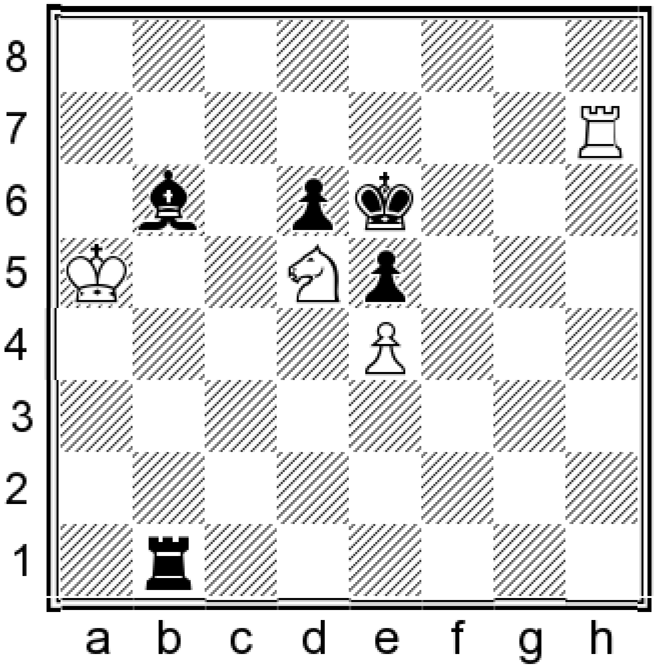
[62...♔c8! defends, as Black's rook can be activated after 63.♔c4 with 63...♖a8 64.♖h8 (64.b6 ♖a4 65.♔b5 ♖e4 66.b7 ♔b8 67.♖d7 ♖e1 68.♖d8 ♔b7=) 64...♖a4 65.♘b4 ♔d7 66.b6 ♗b6 67.♔b5 ♖b4 68.♔b4



and now after 68...d5 69.♖h7 ♔c6 70.♖h6 ♔c7 71.ed5 ♗d4 72.♔c4 ♔d7 73.d6 ♔c6= Black has a fortress.]

63.♔c4 ♖c8 64.♔b4 ♖c1 65.b6 ♖b1 66.♔a5 ♗b6

[66...♖e1 67.♔b5 ♖e4 68.b7+–]



67.♘b6 This is the first move of the remarkable knight.

67...♖a1 68.♔b5 ♖b1 69.♔c6 ♖c1
[69...♖e1 70.♖h4 ♔f6 71.♖g4+–]

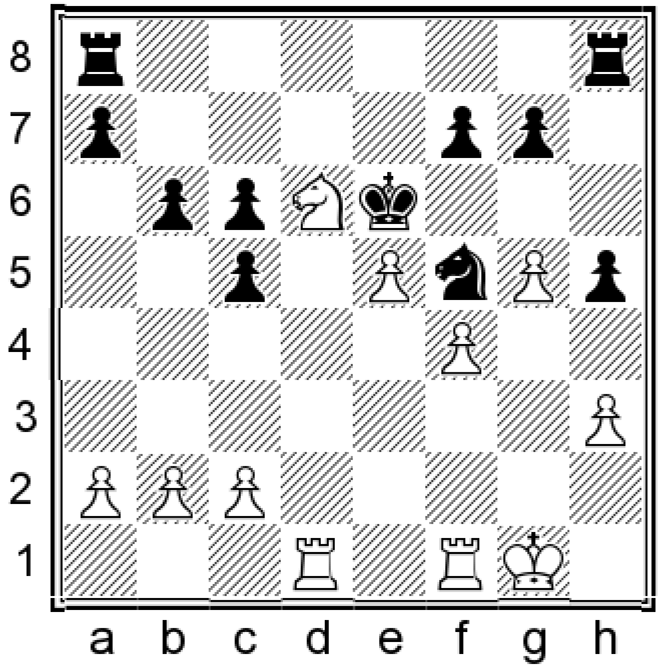
70.♔b7 ♖b1 71.♔c7 ♖c1 72.♔d8 ♖e1 73.♖h4 ♔f6
[73...♖e2 74.♔e8+ -]

74.♖g4
1 : 0 Mueller

B) The Berlin Wall

The London tournament had many games with the Berlin endgame. I have selected the following two.

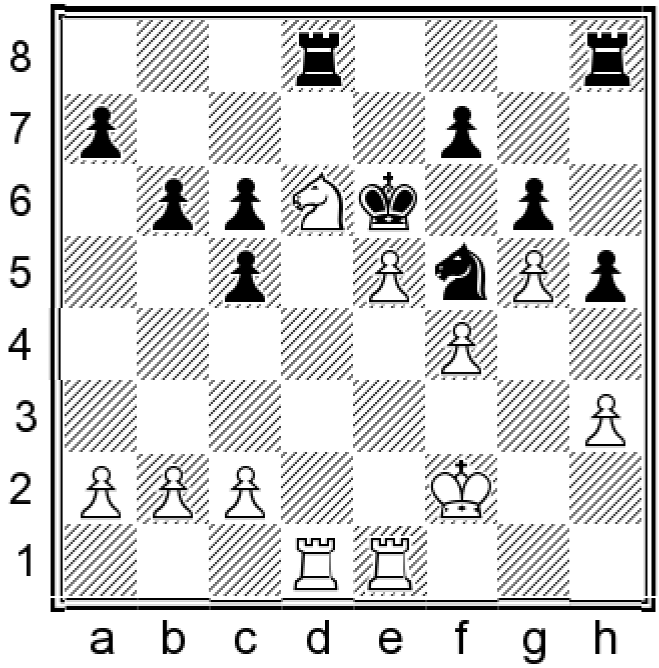
Grischuk 2750 — Giri 2778
London 2015



Though Giri has equalised, he should now act in a forthright manner.

20...♖ad8?
In this endgame with rooks and knight against rooks and knight, White’s slight initiative weighs very heavily.
[However the direct 20...♘d6! leads to a drawn rook endgame, e.g. 21.♖d6 ♔f5 22.♖d7 ♖hf8 23.♔g2 ♖ad8 24.♖a7 ♖d2 25.♖f2 ♖f2 26.♔f2 ♔f4=]

21.♖fe1 g6 22.♔f2

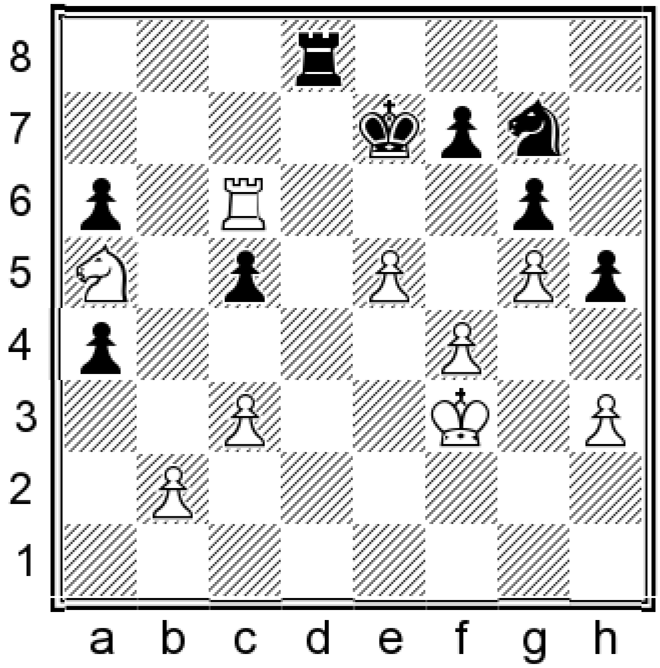


22...♘d4?
This plays into White’s hands.
[Better is 22...a5 23.♖d3 c4 24.♖d2 b5 25.♖ed1 a4 with drawing chances as Black has gained space on the queenside.]

23.c3 ♘f5 24.♔f3 ♘g7?!

I don’t like this retreat, yet I cannot suggest anything better.

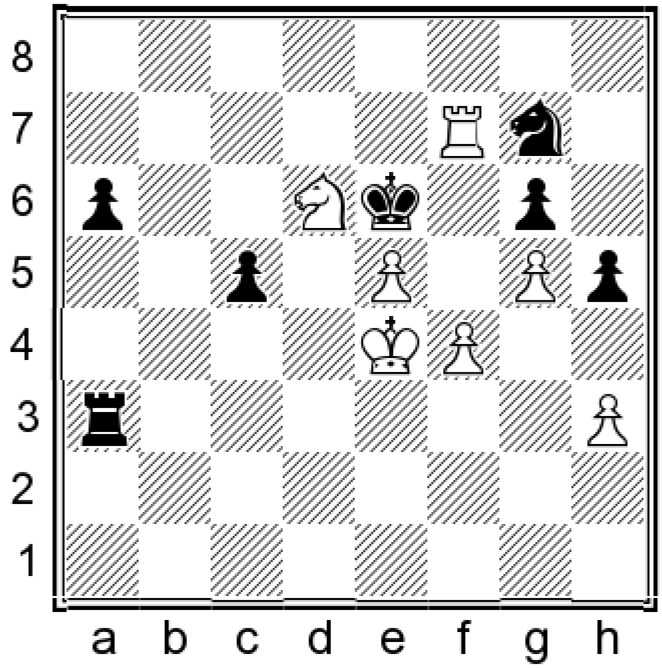
25.♖d2 ♔e7 26.♖ed1 ♖hg8 27.a4 a6 28.♘c4! ♖d2 29.♖d2 b5 30.♘a5 ♖c8 31.♖d6 ba4 32.♖c6 ♖d8
[32...♖c6 33.♘c6 ♔d7 34.♘a5 ♘f5 35.♔e4 ♘g3 36.♔d3 ♔e6 37.♘c4+–; 32...♖b8 33.♖c7 ♔f8 34.♘c4+–]



33.♘c4?
This is too slow.
[Grischuk should seize the moment with 33.♘b7! after which White should win in the long run, e.g. 33...♖d3 34.♔e4 ♖h3 (34...♖d2 35.♖c7 ♔f8 36.♘d6 ♖b2 37.♖f7 ♔g8 38.♖a7 a3 39.♖a8 ♔h7 40.♖a6 a2 41.♔d5 ♖d2 42.♔c6+–) 35.♖c7 ♔f8 36.♘d6 ♖h2 37.♖f7 ♔g8 38.♖b7 h4 39.♖b8 ♔h7 40.♔f3 ♖h3 41.♔g4 a3 42.ba3 ♖g3 43.♔h4 ♖c3 44.♖b7 etc.]

33...a3 34.ba3?
[34.♖c7 ♔e6 35.♔e4 ♖d1 (35...a2? 36.♖c6 ♔e7 37.♖a6+–) 36.ba3 was the last chance to fight for the full point.]

34...♖d3 35.♔e4 ♖c3 36.♘d6 ♖a3 37.♖c7 ♔e6 38.♖f7



38...♘e8!? This simplification into a rook endgame leads to a clear draw.

39.♖f8 ♘d6 40.ed6 ♖a4 41.♔e3 ♔d6 42.♖f6 ♔d5 43.f5
[43.♖g6 ♖a3 44.♔f2 ♔e4 45.♖f6 h4 46.g6 ♖f3 47.♔e2 ♖h3=]
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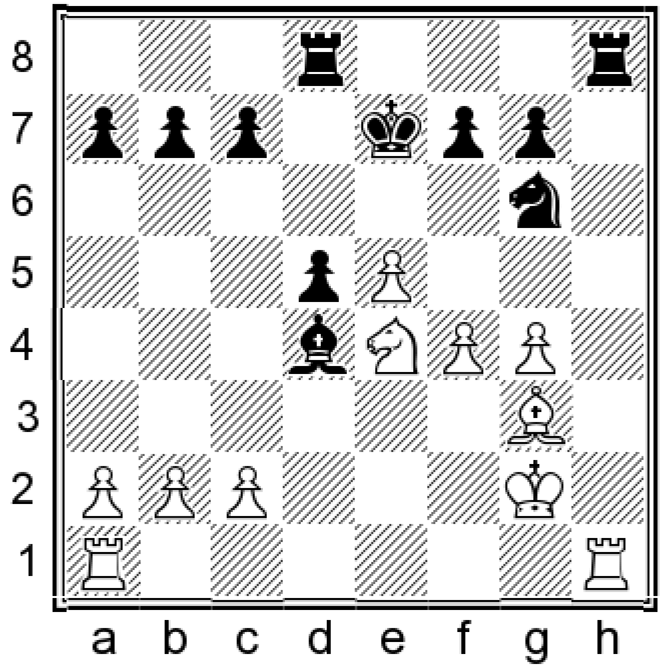
Anand 2803 — Carlsen 2850
London 2015



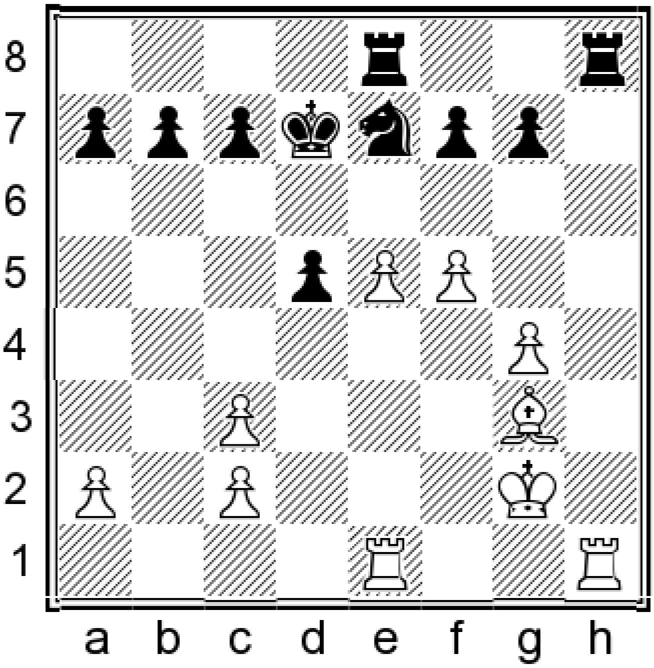
White faces a critical decision.

22.♘c3
Though this is possible, any small mistake on White's part will now be costly and this forces Carlsen to find the only solution.

[Alexei Shirov strongly favours the alternative: 22.♘g5!? to keep more dynamic potential, e.g. 22...♖h1 23.♖h1 ♖h8 24.♖d1 ♗e3! (24...♗b2? 25.♘f3 b6 26.f5 ♘f8 27.♖d5±) 25.♔f3 d4 26.♘e4±]

22...♗c3!
[22...c6? 23.♘e2 ♗b2? 24.♖ab1 ♖h1 25.♔h1 ♗a3 26.♖b7 ♖d7 27.♖b3 ♗c5 28.f5 ♘f8 29.♗h4 f6 30.♖c3+–]

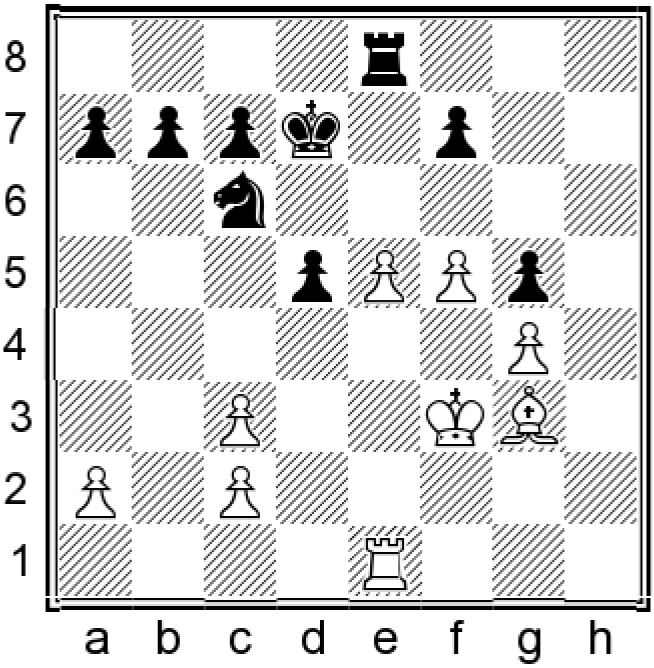
23.bc3 ♔d7 24.f5 ♘e7 25.♖ae1 ♖de8



26.♔f3? White does not have time for this at the moment.
[First 26.♗f4! ♔c6 (26...g6? runs into 27.e6 fe6 28.f6±) 27.♔g3 is very unpleasant for Black.]

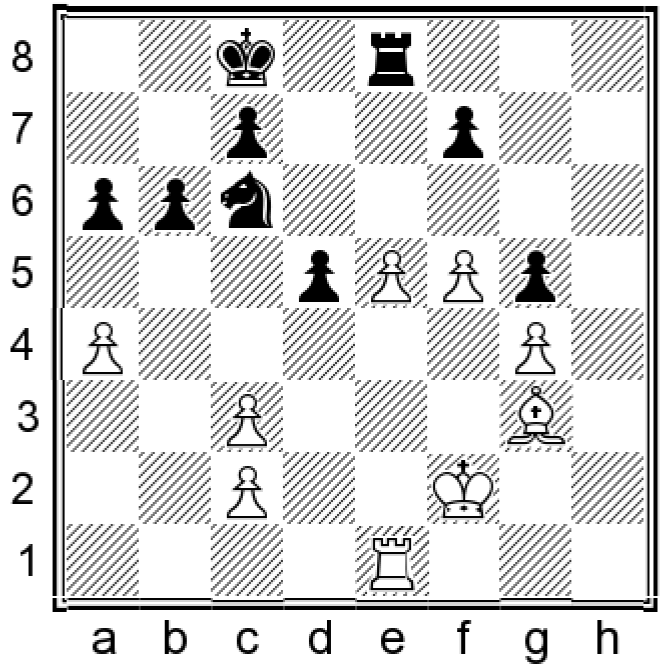
26...♖h1 27.♖h1 ♘c6 28.♖e1
[28.♖h7 ♘e5 29.♔f4 ♘c6 30.♖g7 ♖e4 31.♔f3 ♔e7=]

28...g5!



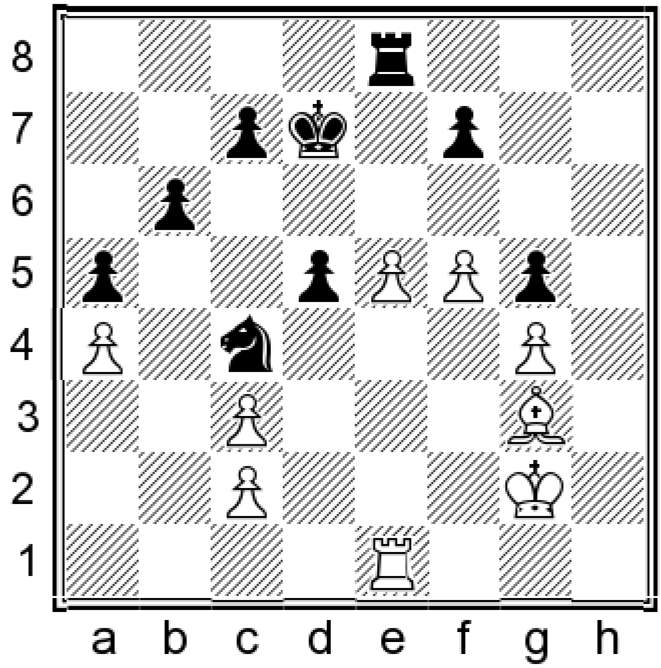
This strong way to blockade the kingside was probably underestimated by Anand.

29.a4 a6 30.♔g2 ♔c8 31.♔f2 b6 32.♔f3 ♔d7 33.♔f2 ♔c8



34.♖e3?
Rightly criticised by Anand at the press conference. He wants to bring his king to the queenside, but this is just wishful thinking.
[34.Kf3 is called for.]

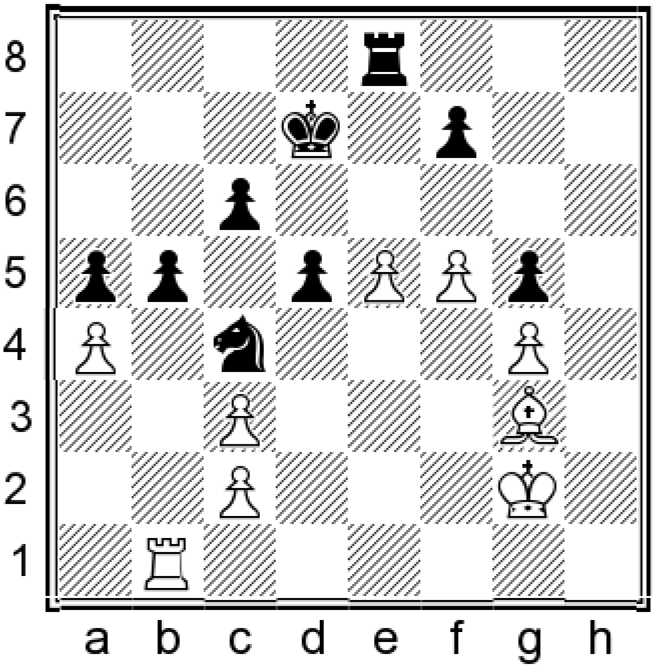
34...♘a5 35.♖e1 ♘c4 36.♔f3 ♔d7 37.♔g2 a5



38.♔f2?
White cannot wait any longer.
[The immediate activation of the rook by 38.♖h1! draws according to the computer, even if it looks very scary to the human eye: 38...♘e5 39.♖h7 ♔c6 40.♗e5 ♖e5 41.♖f7 ♖e4 42.♔g3 ♖a4 43.♖g7 ♖c4 44.♖g5

and White draws the resulting race, e.g. 44...♖c3 45.♔f4 ♖c2 46.♖g8 a4 47.g5 ♖c4 48.♔g3 ♖c1 49.♔f4=]

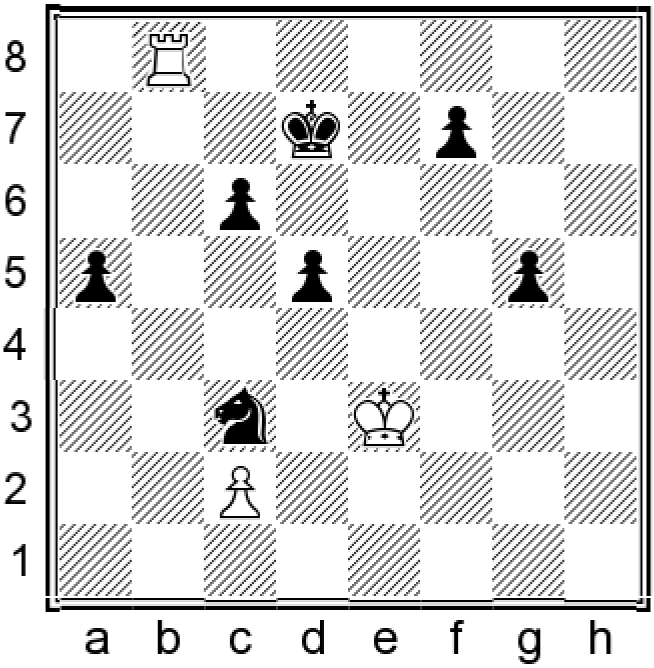
38...c6 39.♔g2 b5! 40.♖b1



40...♖h8?
This move is too abstract and gives Anand time to finally improve his bishop.
[He had a deep and more or less forced win with the computer line: 40...♘e5! 41.ab5 (41.♗e5 ♖e5 42.ab5 ♖e2 43.♔f3 ♖c2 –+) 41...♘g4

A) 42.♔f3 ♘e5 43.♗e5 (43.♔g2 ♘c4 44.b6 ♘e3 45.♔h2 ♘f5 46.b7 ♘g3 47.b8=♕ ♖b8 48.♖b8 ♘e4 –+) 43...♖e5 44.♔g4 f6 45.b6 ♔c8 –+;

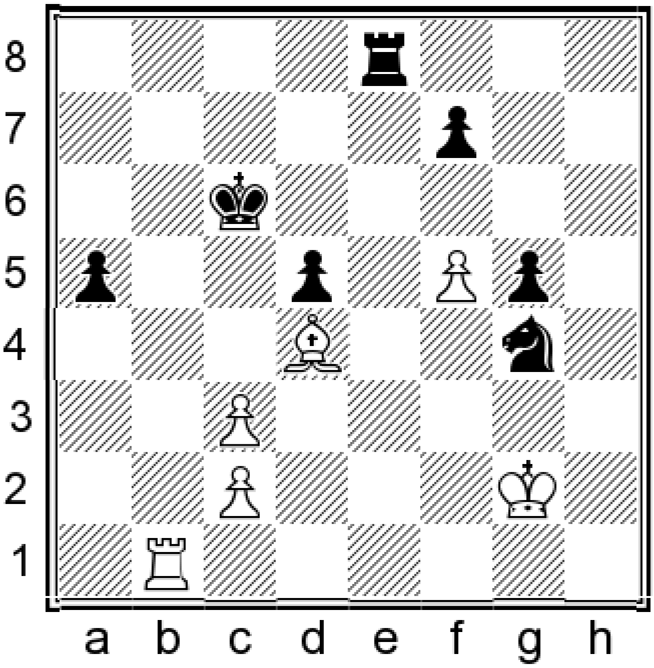
B) 42.b6 42...♘e3 43.♔f2 (43.♔f3 g4 44.♔f4 f6 45.♗f2 ♔c8 46.b7 ♔b8 47.♔g3 a4 –+) 43...♘f5 44.b7 ♘g3 45.b8=♕ ♘e4 46.♔e3 ♖b8 47.♖b8 ♘c3 –+



and four pawns for the exchange are just too many;
40...ba4? 41.e6 fe6 42.♖b7 ♔d8 43.f6 a3 44.♖b8 ♔d7 45.♖b7=]

41.♗f2! ♘e5 42.ab5 ♘g4
[42...♘c4 43.b6 ♖b8 44.♗c5=]

43.bc6 ♔c6 44.♗d4 ♖e8



45.♔g3!
Anand uses his activity in a precise way and brings all his forces into active positions as his rook will reach f6 soon.
45...♘e5
[45...♘e3 46.♖b6 ♔c7 47.♖f6=]

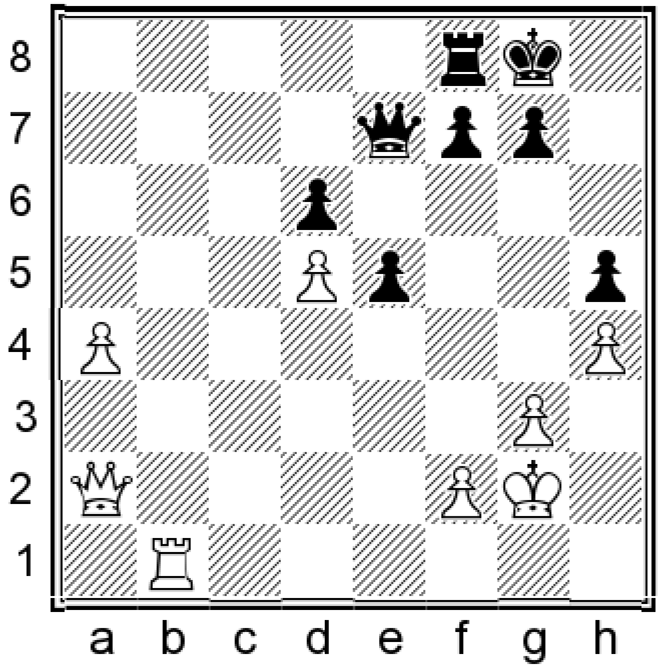
46.♖b6 ♔c7 47.♖f6 ♔d7
[47...a4 48.♗e5 ♖e5 49.♖f7 ♔b6 50.♔g4=]

48.♗e5 ♖e5 49.♔g4 ♔e7 50.♔g5 ♖e1 51.♖a6 f6 52.♔g4 ♖g1 53.♔f4 ♖f1 54.♔g4 ♖g1 55.♔f4 ♖f1 56.♔g4
1/2 : 1/2 Mueller

C) Queens and Rooks

This is often more middlegame than endgame due to the firepower on the board. Therefore passive pieces are often the key factor in a defeat. In the next game White will use two pieces with full force, while Black directs one heavy piece to undertake defensive duties.

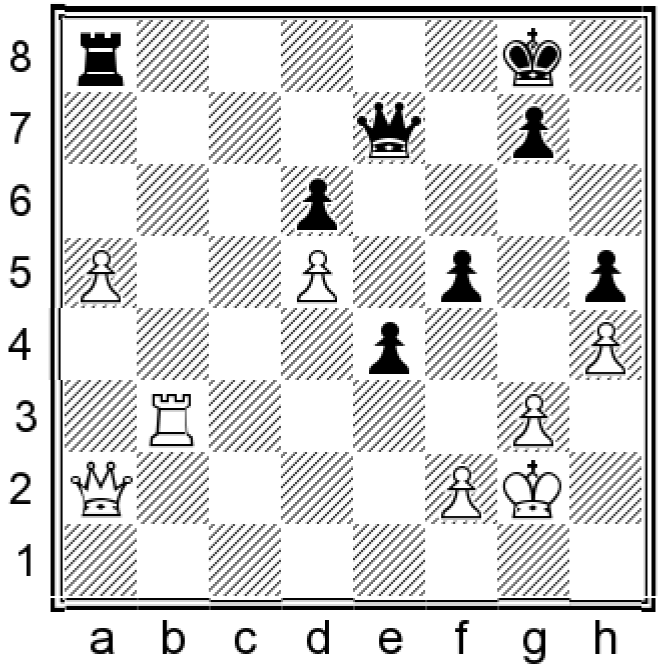
Vachier-Lagrave 2765 — Topalov 2803
London 2015



30...♖a8?

[It is not clear yet where the rook belongs so 30...e4 is a better way to launch counterplay, e.g. 31.♕d2 ♕e5 32.♖b5 ♕f6 33.♖b3 ♕a1 34.a5 ♖c8=]

31.a5 e4 32.♖b3 f5?



This opens Black's king too much.
[32...Kh7 is called for.]

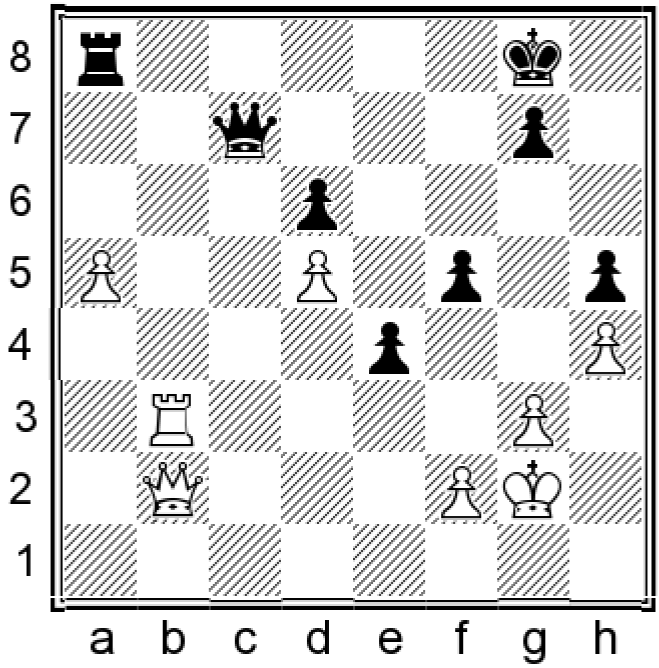
33.♕d2?

[The computer gives 33.a6 f4 34.♖b7 ♕f6 (34...♕f8 35.a7 fg3 36.fg3 ♕f3 37.♔h2 ♔h7 38.♕b2 ♕g4 39.♕f2+–) 35.a7 fg3 (35...♔h7 36.♕a4 ♕e5 37.♖b8 ♕d5 38.♖a8 f3 39.♔f1 ♕a8 40.♔g1+–) 36.♕e2
And sooner or later White's a-pawn will decide the day, e.g. 36...♖f8 37.fg3 ♕a1 38.♔h2 ♕d4 39.♕g2 e3 40.♕b2 ♕d2 41.♔h3 ♕b2 42.♖b2 ♔h7 43.♔g2 ♖a8 44.♖b7+–]

33...♕c7?!

[33...♕f7 is more tenacious, e.g. 34.♖b5 (34.♖b4 ♕e8) 34...f4 35.♕f4 ♕f4 36.gf4 ♔f7 with chances to hold.]

34.♕b2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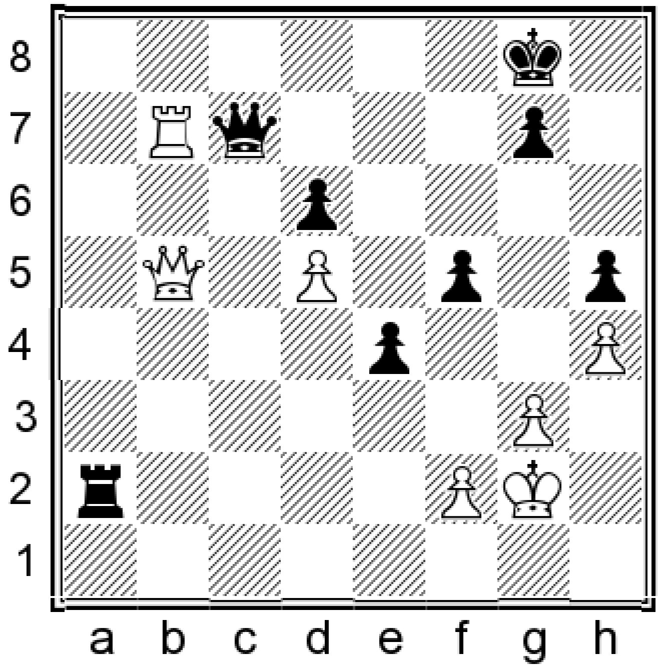
34...♖a5?!

[34...♕a5!? 35.♖b7 ♕a1 is more tenacious, as without queens Black's exposed king is no longer a problem, e.g. 36.♖g7 ♔f8 37.♕a1 ♖a1 38.♖g5 ♔f7 39.♖f5 ♔g6 40.♖g5 ♔h6 41.♖g8 ♖d1 42.♖e8±]

35.♖b7 ♖a2 36.♕b5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36...♖f2

[Desperation as 36...♕c1 37.♕e8 ♔h7 38.♕h5 ♕h6 39.♕f5 ♕g6 40.♕f4 loses in the long run as well.]

37.♔f2 ♕c2 38.♕e2

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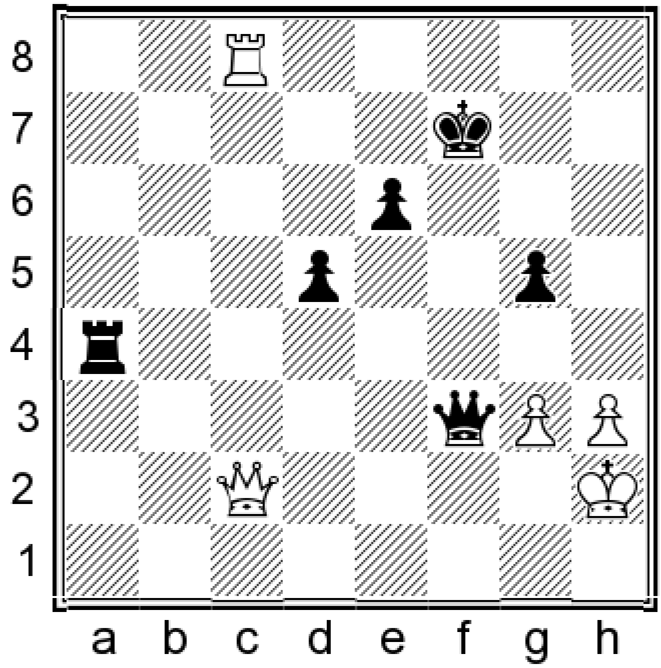
In the next example Adams defends well:

Topalov 2803 — Adams 2744
London 2015



44...♔g7!

[44...♖c4?? 45.♕h7 ♔f6 46.♖f8+–;
44...♖e4? 45.♕c7 ♔g6 46.♖g8 ♔f5 47.♖f8+–]

45.♕a4

[Topalov allows perpetual check as there is nothing better since both 45.♕c7 ♕f7 46.♕c2 ♖a7 47.♕b2 ♔g6 48.♖h8 ♕f5 49.♖g8 ♔h6 50.h4 gh4 51.♕h8 ♖h7 52.♕d4 ♕c2 53.♔h3 ♕f5 54.♔h2 ♕c2=;
and 45.♖c7 ♔f6! 46.♕b2 d4=, lead to a drawn outcome.]

45...♕f2 46.♔h1 ♕f1 47.♔h2

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D) The right exchange

This is often a critical question:

Caruana 2787 — Nakamura 2793
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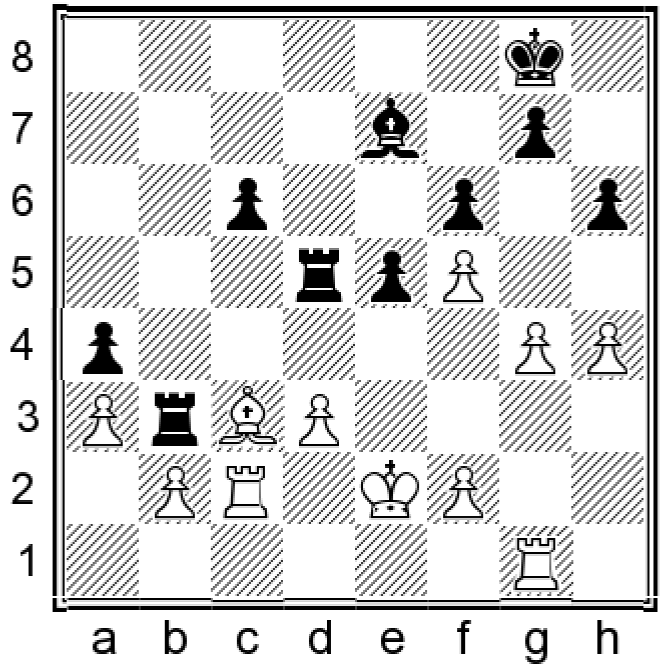
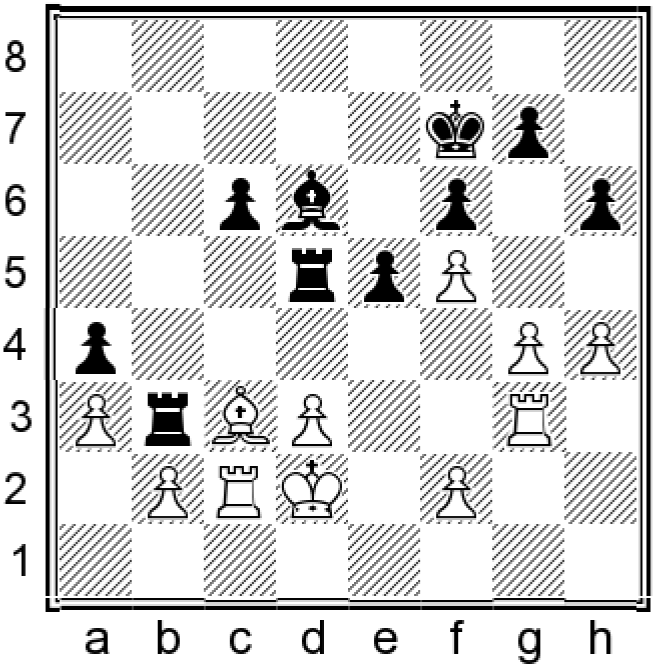


White does not want to exchange any pieces, as he intends to make progress on the kingside in the hope of actively converting his extra pawn. On the other hand Black wants to exchange bishops to reduce White’s winning potential and also to open inroads on the queenside.

35.♖g3!? ♔f7?
Black does not have time for this.
[The bishop exchange has the highest priority: 35...♗c5! 36.g5 fg5 37.hg5 hg5 38.♖g5 ♗d4 39.♗d4 (39.f6 ♗c3 40.♖g7 ♔f8 41.bc3 ♖a3 42.♖a7 ♖d6 43.♖b2 ♖b3 44.♖b3 ab3 45.♖b7 ♖f6 46.♖b3 ♔e7) 39...ed4 40.f4 c5 41.♔f3 ♖d7 (41...♖d3? runs into the fork 42.♔e4+–) 42.♔e4 ♖e7 43.♔d5 ♔f7 44.♖cg2 ♔f6 with drawing chances in both cases.]

36.♔d2? This is too slow.
[36.♖e3 makes better use of the time Black needs for the exchange of bishops and should win, e.g. 36...♗c5 37.♖e4 ♗d4 38.♗d4 ed4 39.♖c6 ♖b2 40.♔f1 ♖d7 41.♖c8 g6 42.fg6 ♔g6 43.h5 ♔g7 44.♖c4 ♖b3 45.♖cd4 ♖d4 46.♖d4 ♖a3 47.♖d7 ♔f8 48.♔e2+–]

36...♗d6?
[36...♗c5 is called for so as to stop the rook going to e3 and to keep control. Now the position is more or less equal.]

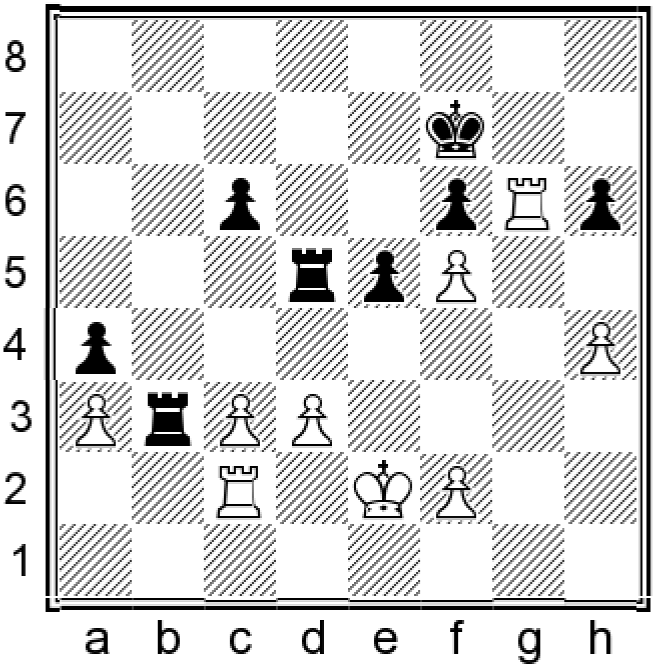


37.♔e2?

[Again 37.♖e3 is necessary, so as to activate the rook, e.g. 37...♗c5 38.♖e4 ♗f2 39.♖a4 ♗h4 40.♖b4 ♖b4 41.♗b4 e4 42.♖c6 ♗g5 43.♔c3 ♖d3 44.♔c2 and White’s passed pawns are dangerous.]

37...♗c5 Now Black’s counterplay is in time.

38.g5 ♗d4 39.gh6 gh6 40.♖g6 ♗c3 41.bc3



41...h5! 42.♖h6 ♔g7 43.♖g6 ♔f7 44.♖h6 ♔g7 45.♖g6
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King safety often plays a crucial role in a queen exchange. One reason for this is that the attacker does not want to exchange attacking potential, but he must not forget that counterplay with a queen can also be strong:

Caruana 2787 — Grischuk 2750
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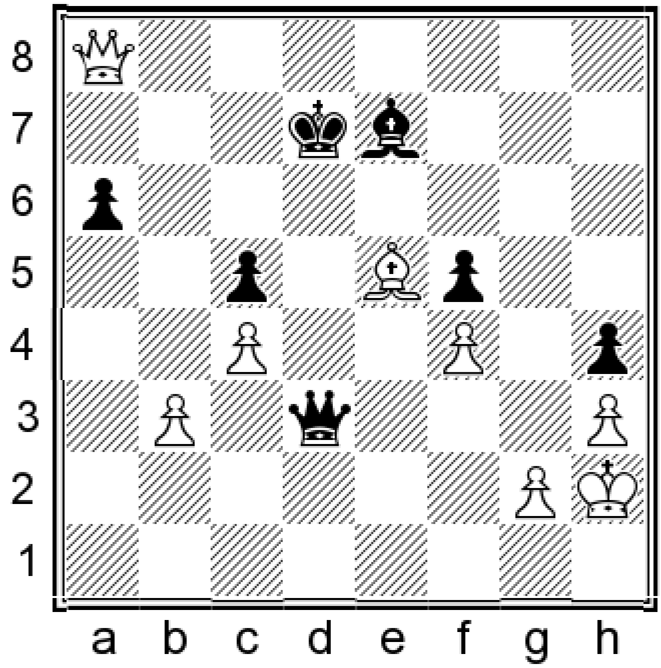
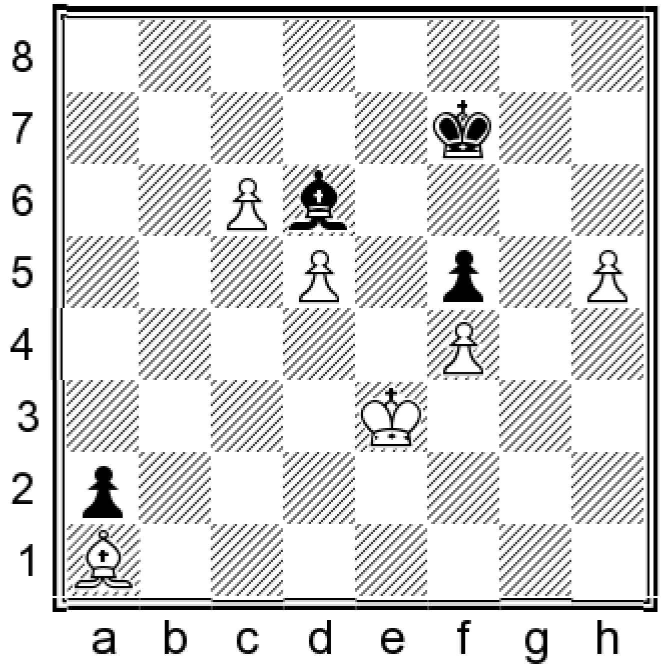


White’s king is open to perpetual check so:

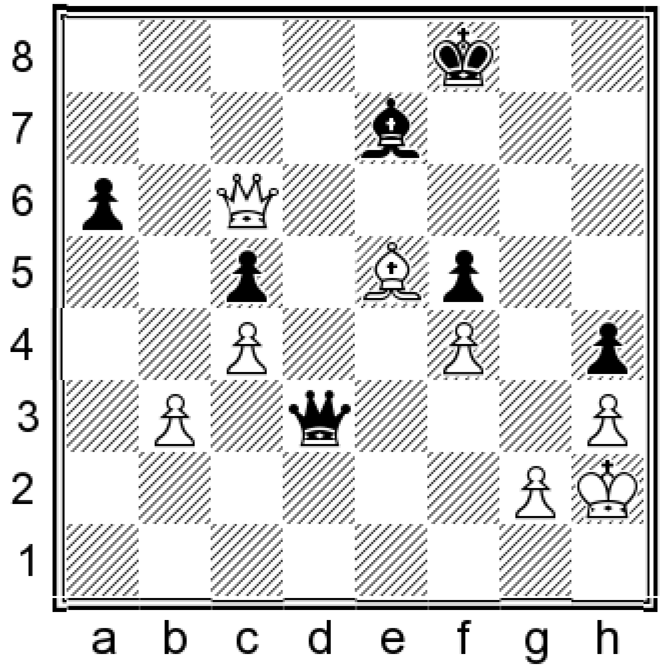
44.♕b7?!

[44.♕d5! had to be calculated very precisely: 44...♕d5 45.cd5 ♗d6 46.g4 hg3 47.♔g3 a5 48.♗g7 ♔e8 49.h4 ♔f7 50.♗c3 c4 51.bc4 a4 52.♗d4 a3 53.c5 ♗f8 54.c6 ♗d6 55.h5 a2 56.♔f3 ♗c5 57.♗a1 ♗d6 58.♔e3



and White will always win the resulting races, e.g. 58...♔g8 (58...♗c7 59.♔d4 ♗f4 60.♔c5 ♗e3 61.♔d6 ♗b6 62.c7 ♗c7 63.♔c7 f4 64.d6 f3 65.d7 f2 66.d8=♕ f1=♕ 67.♕d7 ♔f8 68.♕g7 ♔e8 69.♕e5 ♔f7 70.♔d8 ♕d1 71.♗d4 a1=♕ 72.♕e8) 59.♔d4 ♔h7 60.♔c4 ♗f4 61.♔c5 ♗e3 62.♔d6 ♗b6 63.♔e6 f4 64.d6 f3 65.c7 f2 66.c8=♕ f1=♕ 67.♕h8]

44...♔e8 45.♕c6 ♔f8?!



46.♕a8?

[46.♕g6 wins directly.]

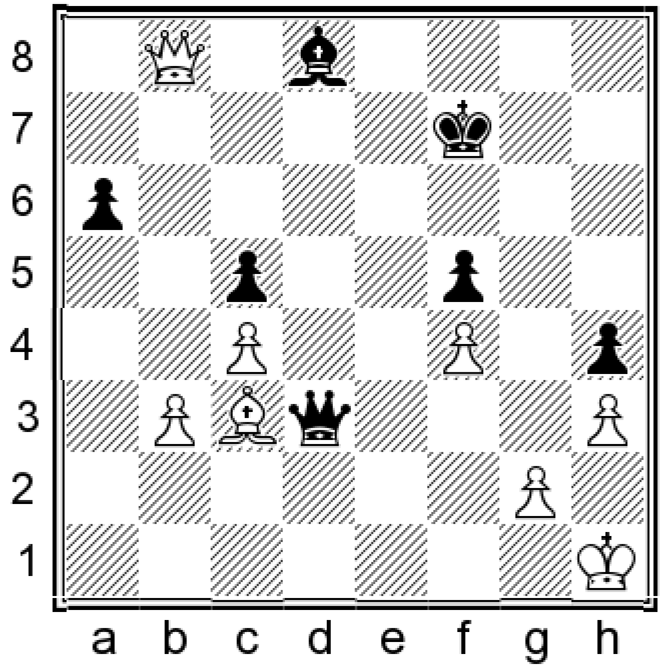
46...♗d8 47.♗c3!

The only good way to stop the perpetual.

47...♕g3

[47...♕c3? 48.♕d8 ♔f7 49.♕h4 ♕b3 50.♕h5 ♔f6 51.♕h6 ♔e7 52.♕a6+–]

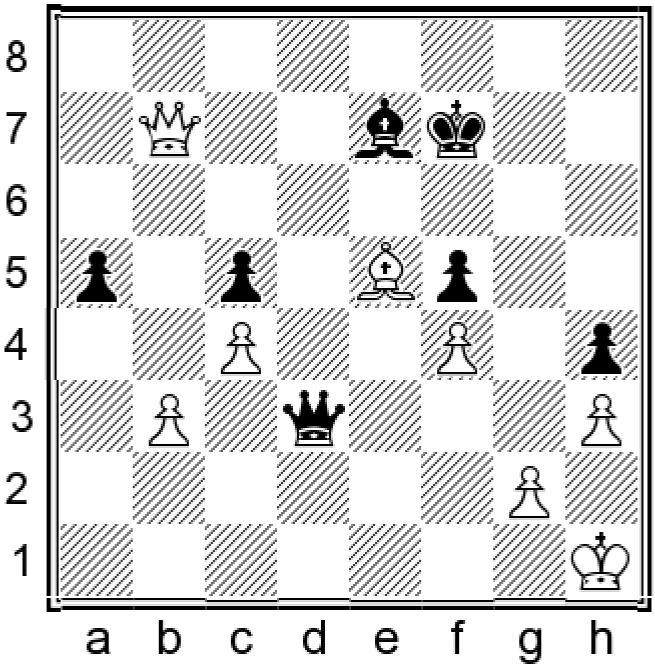
48.♔h1 ♕d3 49.♕b8 ♔f7



50.♕b7?

[50.♕e5 was the last chance, e.g. 50...♗e7 51.♕g7 ♔e8 (51...♔e6 52.♔h2) 52.♔h2 ♕e4 53.♕e5 ♕d3 54.♗e1 with winning chances in both cases.]

50...♗e7 51.♗e5 a5



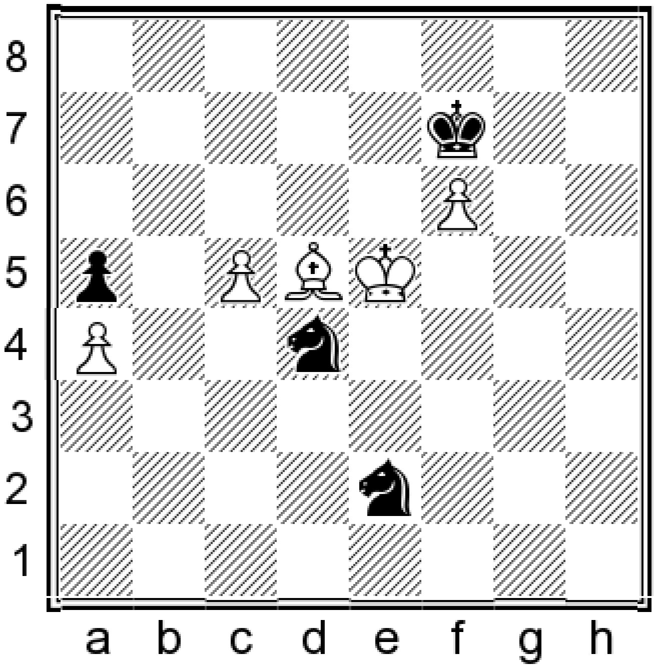
52.♗b8

[52.♕f3 leads to an impregnable fortress after 52...♕f3 53.gf3 ♗f6 54.♗c7 ♗c3 55.♗d8 ♔g6 56.♗h4 ♔h5 57.♗e7 ♗b4 58.♔g2 ♔g6=; or 52.♕d5 ♕d5 53.cd5 ♗f6=; or 52.♗c7 ♕d7 53.♕d5 ♕d5 54.cd5 ♔e8 55.♔h2 ♔d7 56.♗a5 ♔d6=]

52...♕b1 53.♔h2 a4 54.♕d5 ♔f8 55.♗d6 ab3 56.♕a8 ♔f7 57.♕d5 ♔f8 58.♕a8 ♔f7 1/2 : 1/2 Mueller

The attacker usually wants to keep pawns on the board as they present themselves as valuable winning potential:

> **Carlsen 2834 — Nakamura 2793**
> London 2015



Here the knights are clumsily placed as the knight on d4 must be protected. Though the knights strive to be flexible and centralised, this cannot be achieved here. So Black's king must keep active, while the knight on d4 will have to be sacrificed:

71...♔f8? Too passive.
[After 71...♔g6 White cannot make progress and only win one knight for the c-pawn: 72.c6 ♘c6 73.♗c6 ♔f7 74.♗d5 ♔f8=]

72.♔e4!! A real hammer blow, as the knights are paralysed because of their need to protect each other. Thus they can never move unless real threats are created.

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Magnus Carlsen
LONDON CHESS

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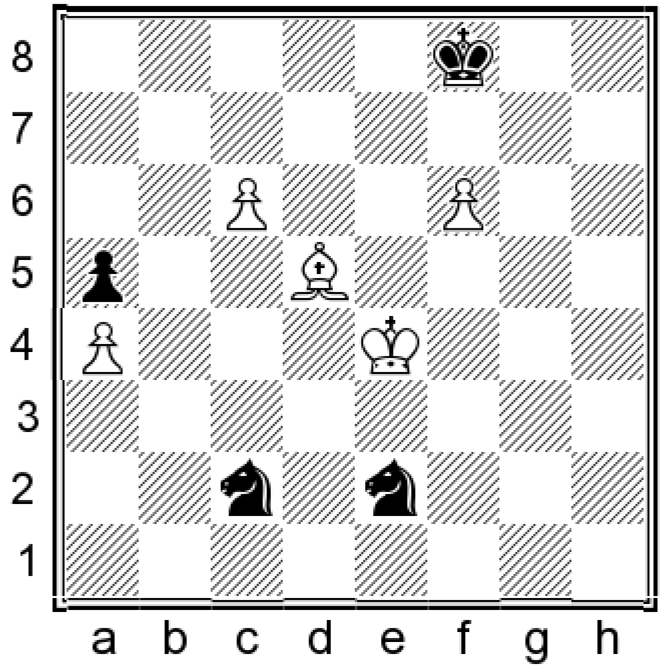
72...♘c2
[72...♔e8 73.♗c4 ♔f8 74.♔e3 ♔e8 75.♗e2 ♘e6 76.♗h5 ♔f8 77.c6+–]

73.c6



The knights are too slow and too clumsy to get back to the defence.

73...♘c3 74.♔e5 ♘a4 75.♗b3 ♘b6 76.♗c2 a4 77.c7 ♔f7 78.♗a4
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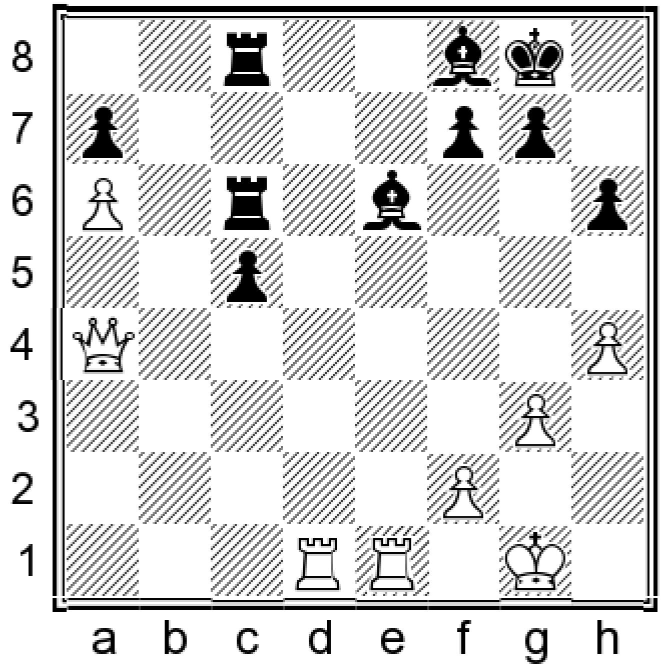
Sometimes a fortress on two wings can be better stormed when there are fewer defenders:

Giri 2778 — Nakamura 2793
London 2015



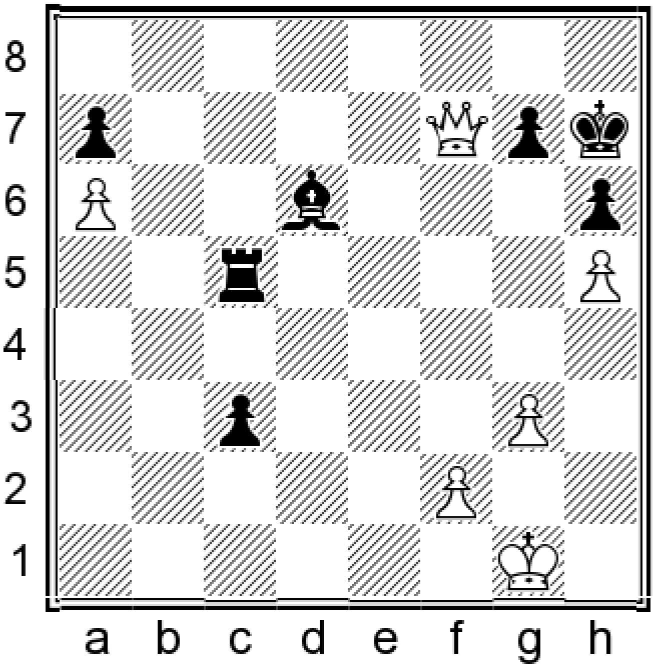
35.♖d8! c4 36.♖c8 ♖c8 37.♖e6
Another correct exchanging operation by Giri. Black’s fortress now loses its stability.

37...fe6 38.♕d7 ♖c5?!

[After this move, Giri can win tactically, but 38...♖b8 39.♕e6 ♔h8 40.♕c4 must also be lost in the long run due to the presence of the a-pawns.]

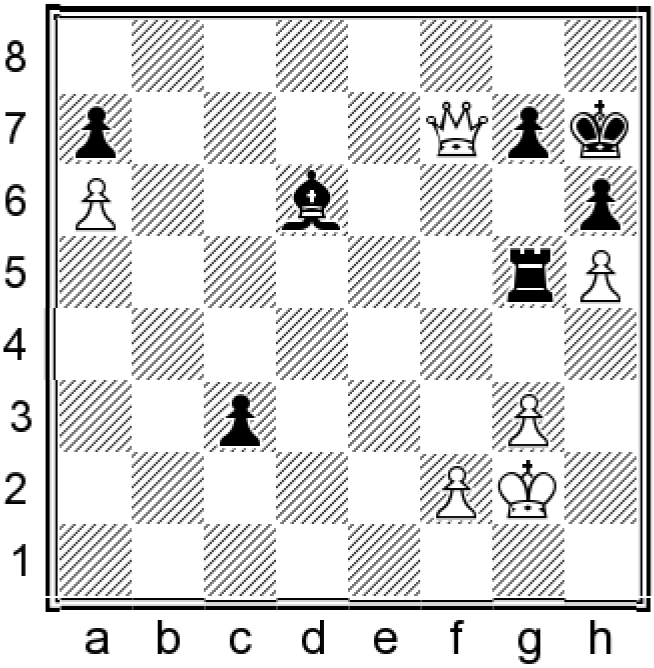
39.♕e6 ♔h7
White will now exploit the fact that Black cannot stabilise his pieces. Either the bishop is lost or the rook must leave the c-file whereupon the c-pawn will be lost. Another theme, of course, is the direct attack against Black's king.

40.♕f7 ♗d6 41.h5 ♖g5
[If 41...c3



White can compete successfully against the advanced c-pawn, as he is able to create his own passed pawn on the a-file: 42.♕g6 ♔h8 43.♕d6 ♖c8 44.♕d7 ♖c5 45.♕a7+–]

42.♔g2 c3



43.f4
[43.♕a7 also wins, e.g. 43...♖c5 44.♕b7

A) 44...♗b8 45.♕b8 c2 46.a7 c1=♕ (46...♖a5 47.♕c7 ♖a7 48.♕c2+–) 47.a8=♕+–;

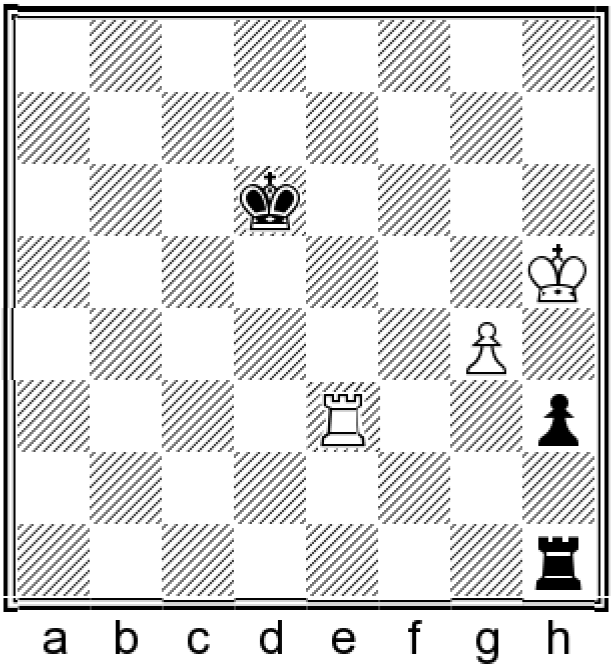
B) 44...c2 45.a7 c1=♕ 46.♕e4! ♔g8 47.a8=♕ ♖c8 48.♕ad5 ♔h8 49.♕df5+–]

Black resigns due to 43...c2 44.fg5 c1=♕ 45.g6 ♔h8 46.♕e8 ♗f8 47.♕f8
1 : 0 Mueller

E) The checking distance

Rook endings usually have great drawing tendencies: But these can be difficult to find in an over-the-board-situation. Therefore I would like to include same statements by the commentators, namely grandmasters Aleander Grischuk, Chris Ward and Nigel Davis, who carried out their duties without the help of engines.

Carlsen 2850 — Vachier-Lagrave 2765
London (m/1–rapid), 2015



51...♖f1?
Now Black’s rook is too close to the white king.
[51...♖a1 draws because after 52.♖h3 ♖a8! Black’s rook has enough checking distance, e.g. 53.♖e3 (53.g5 ♖h8 54.♔g4 ♖h3 55.♔h3 ♔e7 56.♔g4 ♔f7 57.♔f5 ♔g7 58.g6 ♔g8!=) 53...♖h8 54.♔g6 ♖g8 55.♔f5 ♖f8 56.♔g5 ♖g8 57.♔f4 ♖f8 58.♔g3 ♖g8 59.♖e4 ♔d5 60.♔f3 ♖f8 61.♖f4 ♖g8 62.♖f6 ♔e5 63.♖f5 ♔e6 64.♔g3 ♖a8=]

52.♖h3 ♔e7
[Now 52...♖f8 is refuted by 53.♖d3 ♔e7 54.♖e3 ♔f7 (54...♔d6 55.g5+–) 55.♖f3 ♔g8 56.♖f8 ♔f8 57.♔g6 ♔g8 58.g5+–]

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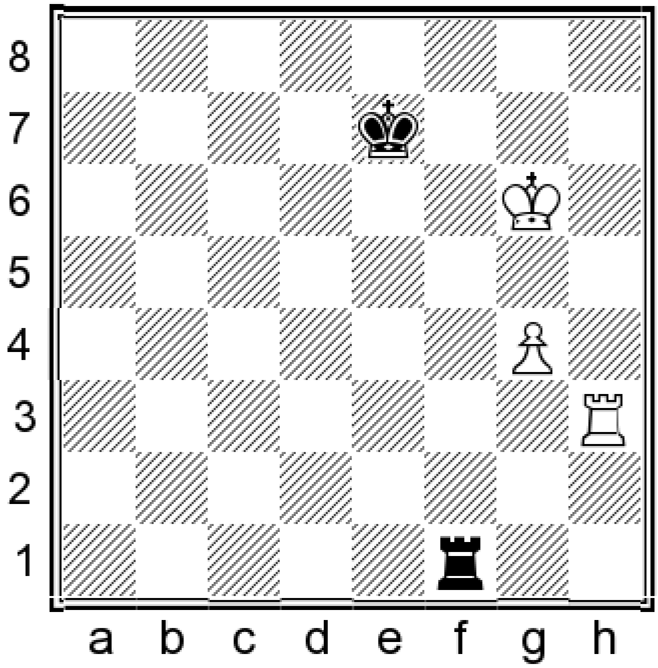
53.♔g6
[In their live commentary the three grandmasters demonstrated that 53.♖a3? ♔f7 54.♖a7 ♔g8 55.♔g6 ♖f8 is a draw.]



53...♖f6 “Check, check, check forever... it’s a draw” (Ward).
[53...♔f8 54.♖h8 ♔e7 55.g5+–]

54.♔g7 ♖f7 55.♔g6 ♖f6
[55...♔f8 56.♖h8 ♔e7 57.♖h7 ♖h7 58.♔h7 ♔f6 59.♔h6+–]

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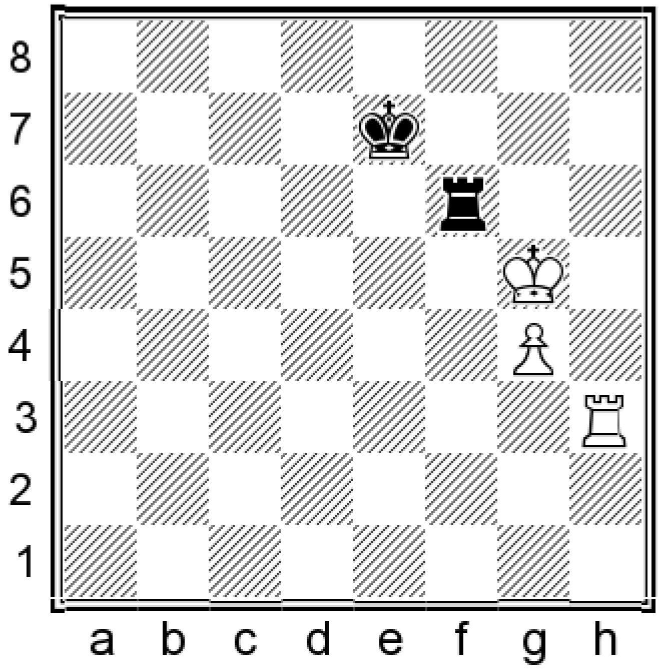
56.♔g5



56...♖a6

[If 56...♔f7 57.♖h7 ♔e6 58.♖h6+–; After the game Grischuk immediately showed that 56...♖f1 57.♖h7 ♔f8 58.♔g6 ♔g8 59.♖g7 ♔f8 (59...♔h8 60.♖f7+–) 60.♖a7 is winning.] Ward was a bit upset that they missed this line during the game and after Grischuk showed the correct way, the Englishman concluded: “Chess is not an easy game.”

57.♖f3

“What a dreadful piece of commentating that was!”, apologized Ward – although this honest confession does reveal the need to constantly practice simple rook endgames in order to have a precise understanding of the arising positions and to make correct assessments.

[Now Black is lost after 57...♖a8 58.♔h6 ♖h8 59.♔g7]

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Mamedyarov 2736 — Caruana 2808
World Cup (3.1), Baku 2015

After knocking me out in the third round, the local superstar, Azerbaijani Grandmaster Shakhriyar Mamedyarov continued his fine form by beating the Italian maestro – sorry, I should now say the "U.S spearhead"! – Fabiano Caruana. Let's take a look at this very interesting game in which Shakhriyar, true to his aggressive style, handled the complexities very well and completely outplayed his strong opponent.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗g5!?

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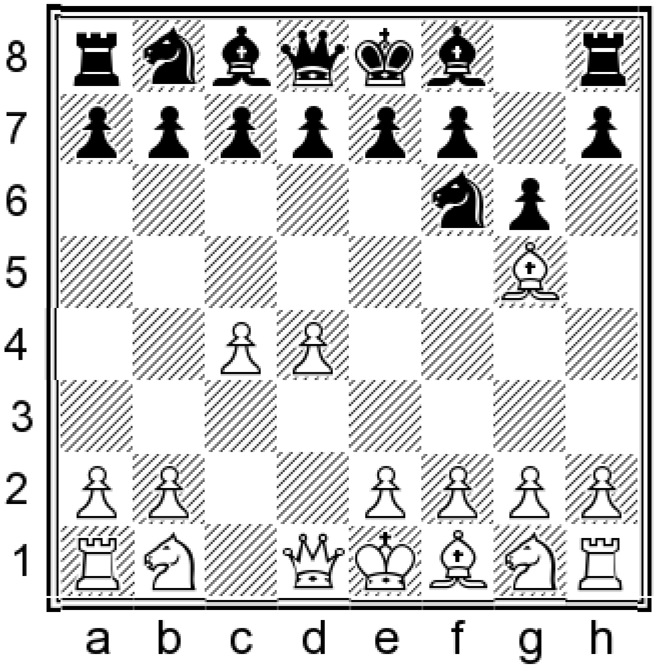
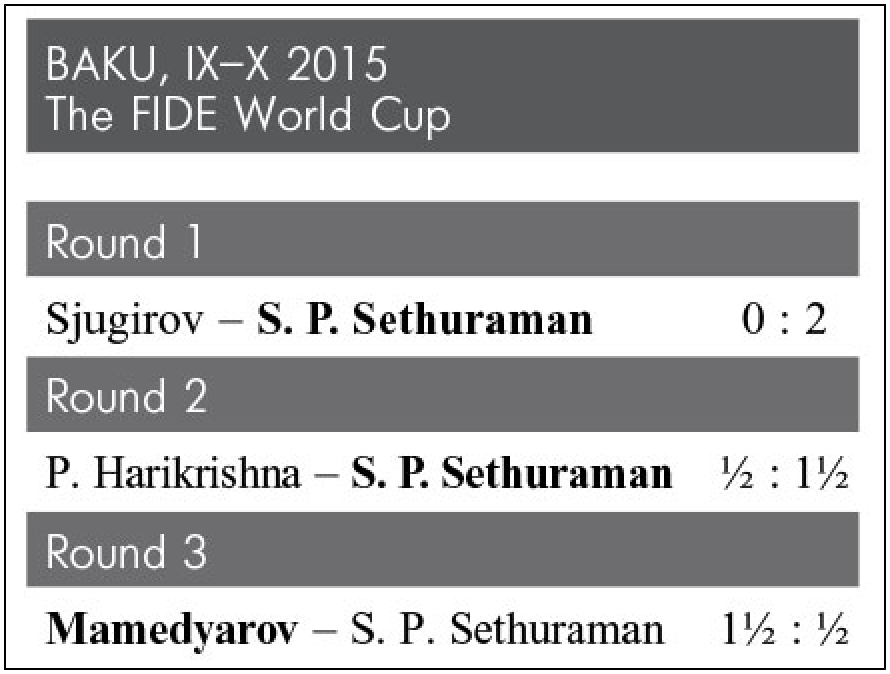


Since Caruana is known for his dangerous opening preparation, Mamedyarov went for this unusual and provocative idea. However, what you may be surprised to learn is that there have in fact been tons of games starting this way and, apart from Mamedyarov, who used this rare move in blitz back in 2014, Carauna himself adopted it as White in a blitz game against Anish Giri at the London Classic. It is customary not to take ideas played in blitz games too seriously – but they shouldn't be ignored either!

3...♘e4

Classical chess wisdom states that knights should be developed before bishops, so Black immediately attempts to exploit his opponent's provocative bishop move to g5.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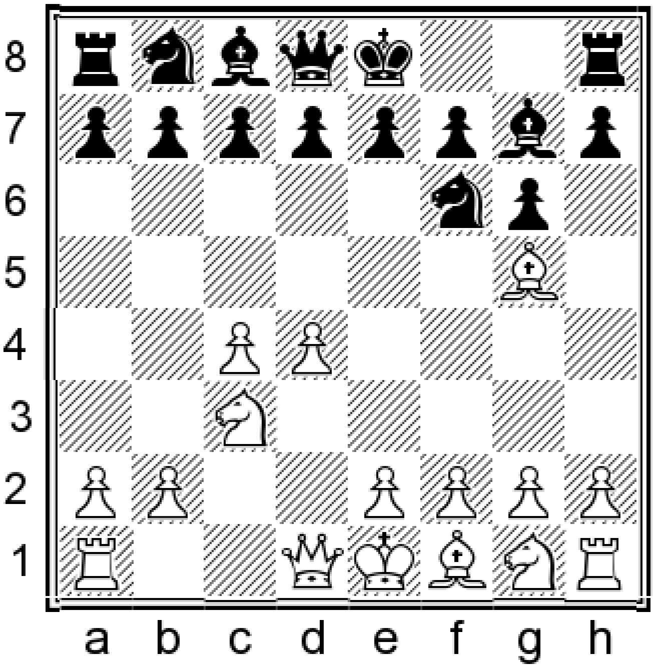
Round 2

P. Harikrishna – **S. P. Sethuraman** ½ : 1½

Round 3

Mamedyarov – S. P. Sethuraman 1½ : ½

I was wondering whether or not to transpose into the Gruenfeld by playing 3...♗g7 4.♘c3 d5. However, later I understood that by his move order White has avoided certain variations, for example those after the main line 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♘e4, since Black has already developed his bishop on g7 and is therefore obliged to play those lines which arise after 4...♗g7 in the ♗g5 line. Perhaps this was the whole idea of the devious plot 3.♗g5 ♗g7 4.♘c3. By way of confirmation that this was indeed the intention of Mamedyarov, he himself played it later in the World Rapid 2015. But who knows he may have had some other ideas by delaying ♘c3.



For example, 4...d5 (4...0-0 5.e4 d6 transposes to the King’s Indian, but, as far I know, the KID is not in Caruana’s repertoire.) 5.♗f6 ♗f6 6.cd5 c5 7.dc5 (RR 7.♘f3 Mamedyarov 2756 – Vachier-Lagrave 2765, Shamkir 2015 – 124/154, D 80) 7...♘d7

A) 8.e3 0-0 9.♗c4 ♘c5 10.♘ge2 ♕a5N (RR 10...♗d7 Heimann 2493 – Vachier-Lagrave 2742, Rhodes 2013; 10...♕b6 Balog 2554 – Erdos 2643, Hungary 2013) 11.♕d2 b5 Mamedyarov 2736 – Vachier-Lagrave 2758, Berlin (rapid) 2015;

B) 8.♘f3 ♘c5 9.e3N (RR 9.e4 Guo Qi 2439 – Harika 2484, China 2013) 9...0-0 10.♖c1 ♕b6 11.♕d2 ♗f5 12.♗c4 ♘e4 13.♘e4 ♗e4 14.♗b3 ♖fd8 15.0-0 e6 16.♕e2 ed5 17.♖cd1 Mamedyarov 2736 – Vidit 2651, Berlin (rapid) 2015]

4.♗f4 c5 5.♕c2

[An improvement on his own game against Aronian in 2014, which continued 5.f3 ♕a5 6.♘d2 ♘d2 7.♗d2 ♕b6 8.♗c3 ♗g7 9.e3 ♘c6 10.♘e2 cd4 11.♘d4 0-0 Mamedyarov 2743 – Aronian 2815, Dubai (blitz) 2014. Also there is 5.♘d2 ♘d2 6.♕d2 ♗g7 7.dc5 ♘a6]

5...♕a5 6.♘d2 f5 7.f3

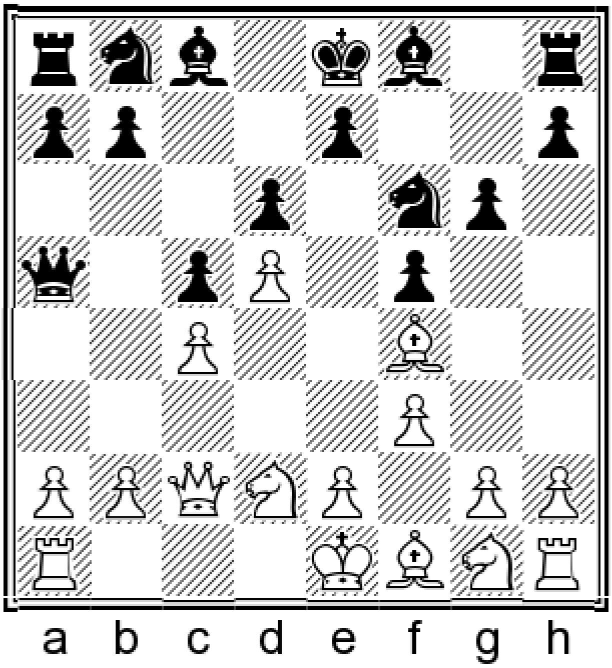
[7.♘gf3 was played in a game way back in 1991: 7...cd4? 8.♘d4 ♗g7 9.♘4b3 ♕a4 10.♘e4 fe4 11.g3 ♘c6 12.♗g2± Speelman 2630 – Ehlvest 2605, Reykjavik 1991 – 53/(563). Better is 7...♗g7=]

7...♘f6

[7...♘d2 8.♗d2 ♕b6 9.d5 ♗g7 10.♗c3 would leave White with a pleasant position.]

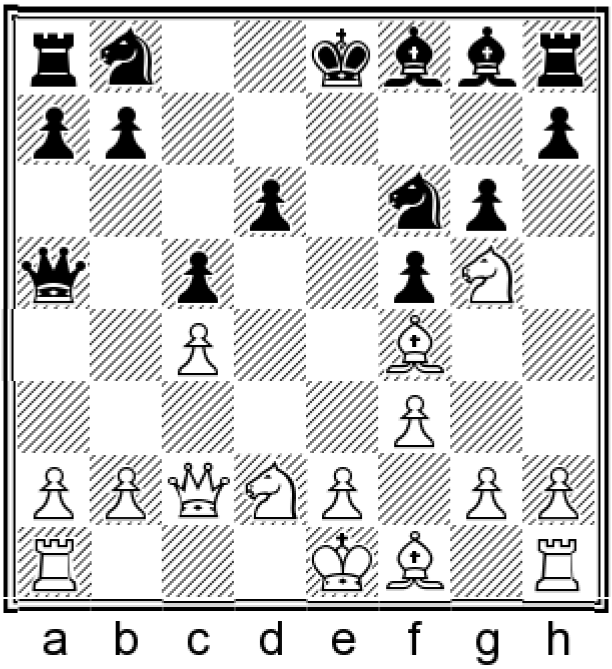
8.d5 d6N

[8...♗g7 is another possibility, aiming for quick development by 9.e3 (9.e4 fe4 10.fe4 0-0; RR 9.♗e5 Barsov 2445 – Vareille 2380, Val Thorens 1995) 9...d6 10.♗e2 0-0 11.♘h3 with a normal game.]



9.e4

[9.♘h3!? would be a typical move in the Samisch King’s Indian. Whenever White gets a chance to put his knight on h3, he does it, since it is well known in this variation that the knight can then be redeployed via the f2 square. Here too, the white pawn on f3 makes it a Samisch-type game, but with the bonus that Black has weakened himself by ...f5, thereby allowing the possibility of a knight jump to g5, targeting the e6 square: 9...e5 10.de6 (10.♗g5 ♗g7 11.e3) 10...♗e6 (10...♘c6 11.e3 ♗e6) 11.♘g5 (11.♕b3 ♘c6! 12.♕b7 ♖b8 13.♕c6 ♗d7 14.b4 ♕b4 15.♕a6 ♖b6 16.♕a7 ♖b7 17.♕a6=) 11...♗g8 (⌓11...♗d7) leading to some crazy lines after:



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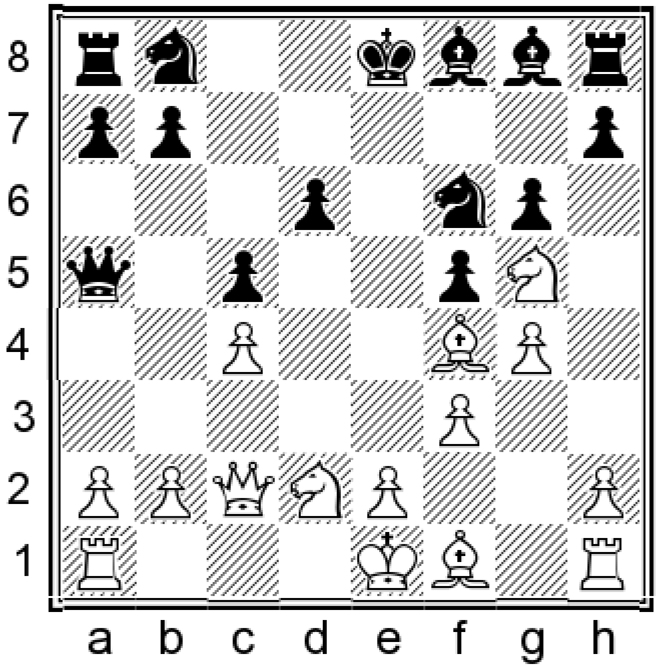
B) 12.g4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B1a) 15.♘f6 ♘f6 16.♗g2 ♘g4 17.♕e4

B1a1) 17...♕c7 18.♗g5;

B1a2) 17...♖d7 18.♗g5! ♘e5 18...h5 19.♕e8+–) 19.♗h3±;

B1a3) 17...d5 18.♕d3 ♕a6! 19.0-0∞;

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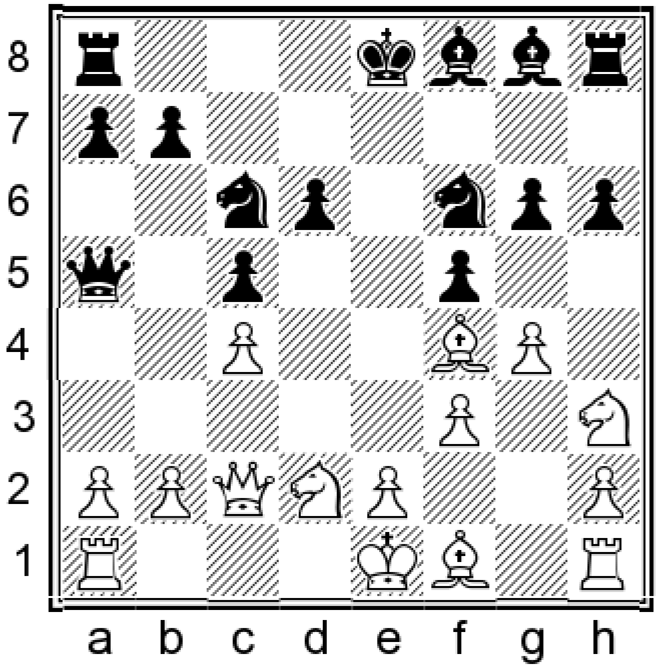
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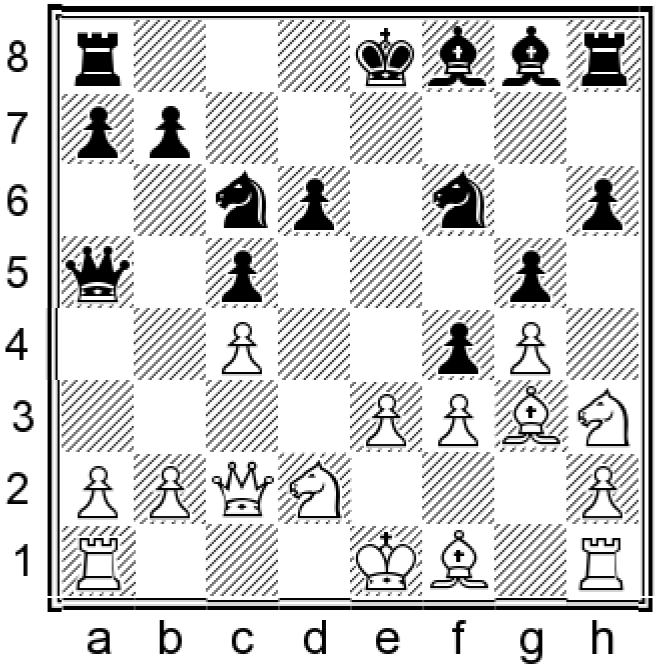
B2b) 14.e3 g5! (14...d5) 15.♗g3 (15.♕f5 ♗e7 16.♗g3 ♗h7 17.♕e6 ♘d8 –+)

B2b1) 15...f4



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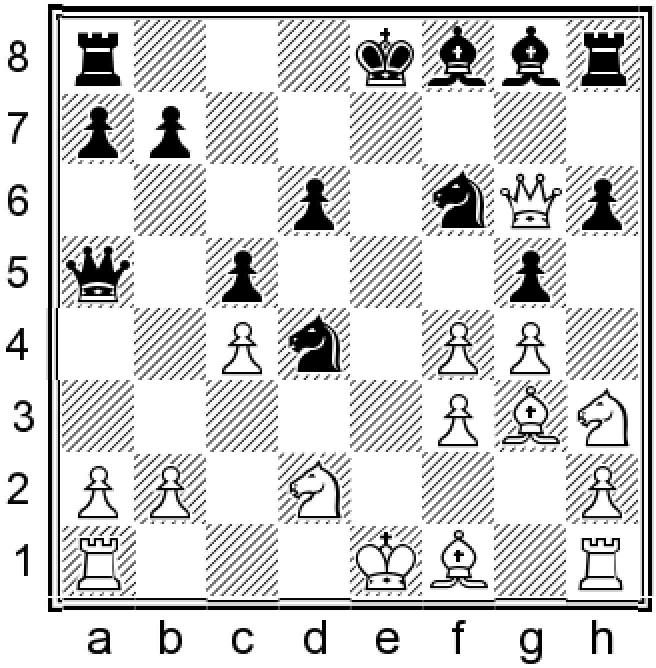

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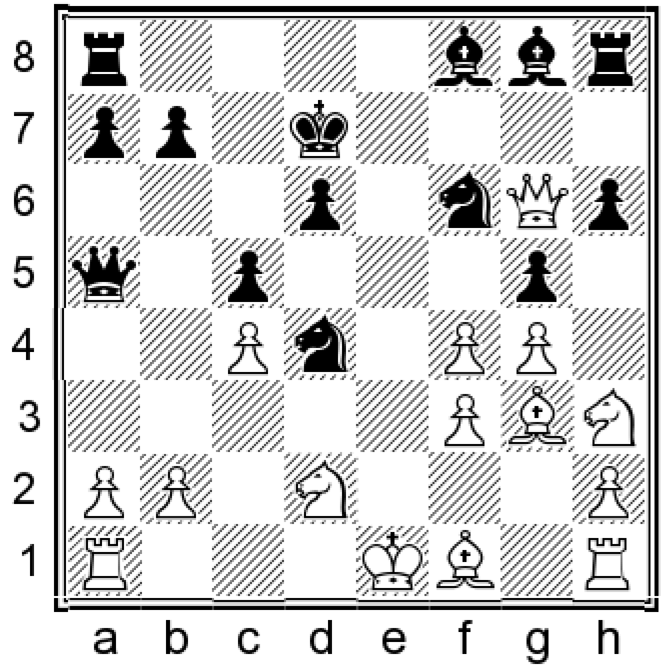
B2b123) 17...♔d7!



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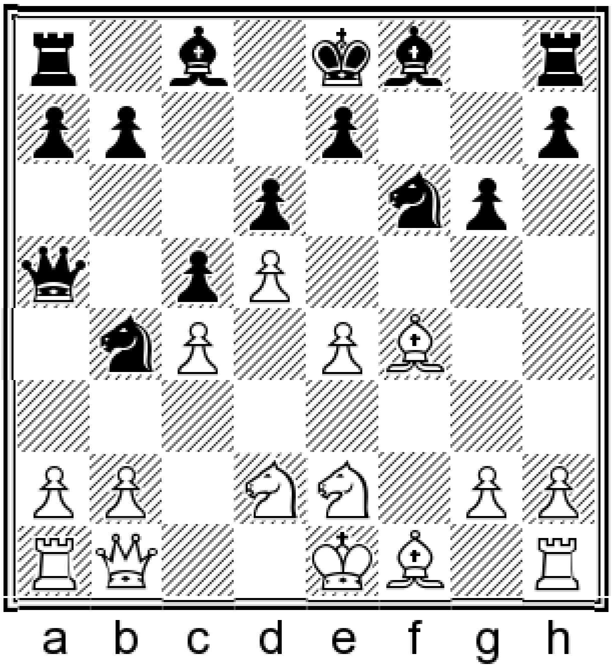
B2b1232) 18.♕f6 ♗e7 19.♕g7 (19.♕h8 ♘f3 20.♔f2 ♕d2 21.♔f3 ♗d5 22.cd5 ♖h8) 19...♗e6 (19...♖h7 20.♕g6) 20.f5 ♖ag8 21.fe6 ♔e6 22.♕d4! (22.♕g8 ♖g8 23.♔d1) 22...cd4 23.a3 with three pieces for the queen;

B2b2) 15...♗h7 16.gf5 ♘b4 (16...0-0-0!?) 17.♕b1 (17.♕c3 ♗g7) 17...0-0-0∞]

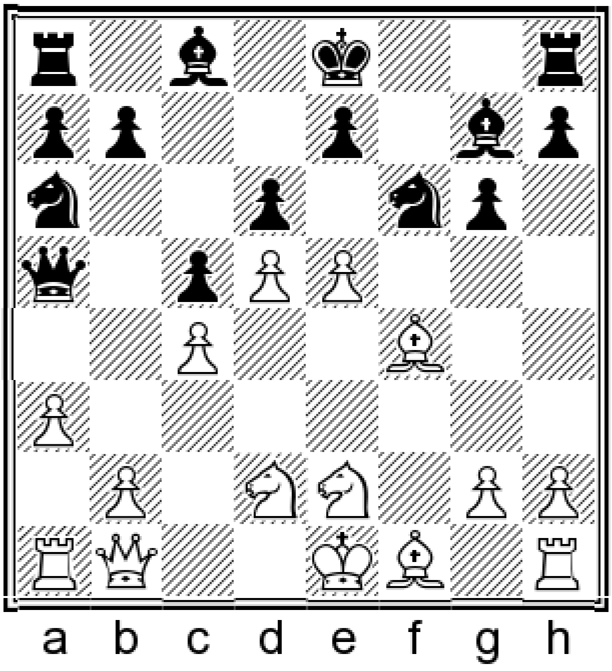
9...♘a6 10.♘e2 fe4 11.fe4 Assessing this position from a general point of view, White’s pieces are awkwardly placed, so Black should act immediately in order to exploit this factor.

11...♗g7 This looks a bit slow and allows White to coordinate his pieces.
[11...♘b4! is more in the spirit of the position, trying to gain the initiative. Then 12.♕b1 (12.♕c3 ♗g7)



A) 12...♘e4 doesn’t work: 13.♘e4 (13.a3! is even stronger) 13...♘d3 (13...♗f5 14.♘2c3 ♗g7 15.♗e2; 13...♘c2 14.♔d1 ♘a1 15.♕a1 ♗g7 16.♕b1±) 14.♔d1 ♕e1 (14...♘f4 15.♘f4 ♗h6 16.g3 0-0 17.♕c2) 15.♔c2 ♘b4 16.♔b3 ♕b1 17.♖b1 ♗f5 18.♘2g3+–;

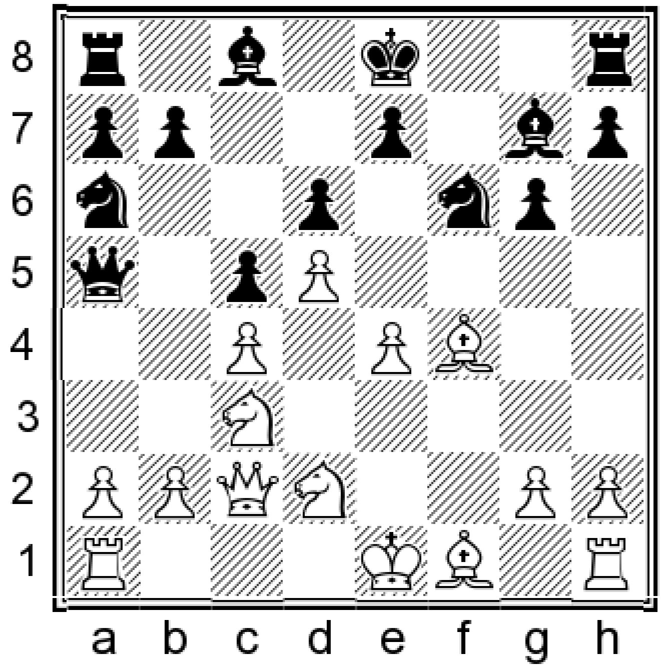
B) 12...♗g7 13.a3 ♘a6 and White’s pieces are stuck: 14.e5! (14.♘c3 ♘h5 and White is in big trouble)



B1) After 14...de5 15.♗e5 0-0, the only move is 16.♘g3, preventing threats with ...♗f5. Then 16...e6 (16...♗h6 17.♗c3 ♕c7 18.♗e2 ♘g4 19.♗g4 ♗g4 20.♕e4 ♖f4 21.♕e5) 17.d6 ♘b8! Since the knight on a6 is no longer participating in the play, Black redeploys it to the kingside. 18.♗d3 ♘bd7 (18...♘c6 19.♗c3 ♕d8 20.0-0) 19.♗c3 ♕b6 20.♗g6!? hg6 21.♕g6 ♕d6 22.♘f3 (22.♘de4 ♕f4 23.♖f1 ♕e3 24.♔d1 ♘e5! 25.♗e5 ♗d7∓) 22...♕e7 23.0-0 (23.0-0-0 ♕f7) 23...♕e8 (23...♕f7 24.♕d3) 24.♕d3 with good compensation for the piece;

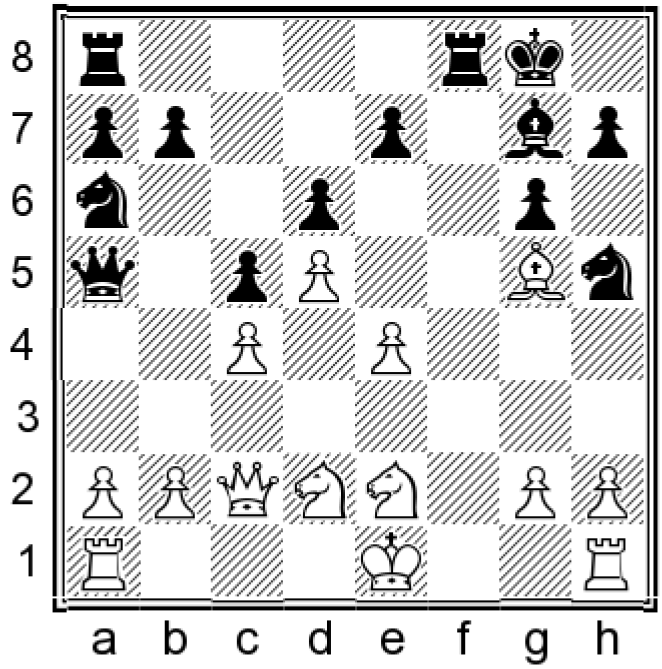
B2) 14...♘g4! 15.e6 0-0 with a very complex-looking position for both sides, although the computer prefers Black because of White’s poor piece placement and vulnerable king in the centre.]

12.♘c3



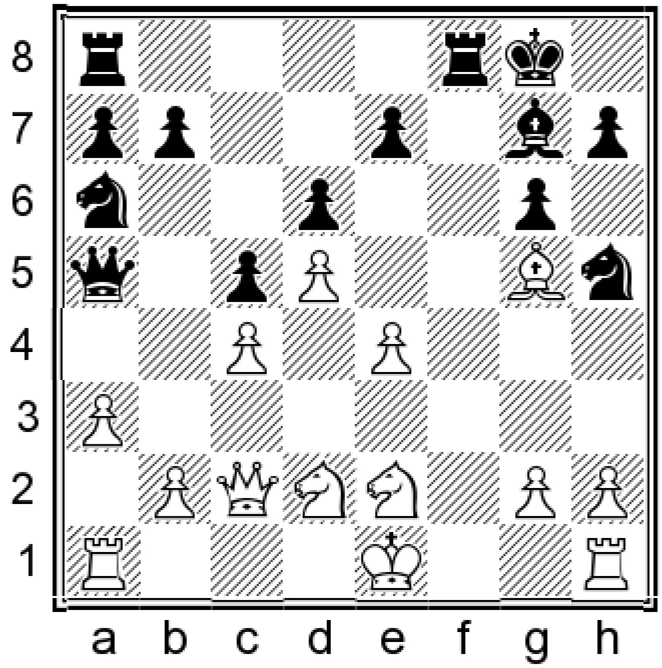
12...0-0

[12...♘h5 13.♗g5!, provoking Black to play ...h6 after which the g6 pawn is at risk. (13.♗e3 0-0 14.♘b3 ♕b6 15.0-0-0 b4) 13...♗g4 (13...h6 14.♗e3 0-0 15.♘b3 ♕b6 16.♕d2; 13...0-0 14.♗e2 ♘f4 transposes to the below note.) 14.♗e2 ♗e2 15.♘e2 0-0 (15...Kf8; 15...♘b4 16.♕b3 ♗b2 17.♖b1 ♗f6 18.♗f6 ♘f6 19.a3)



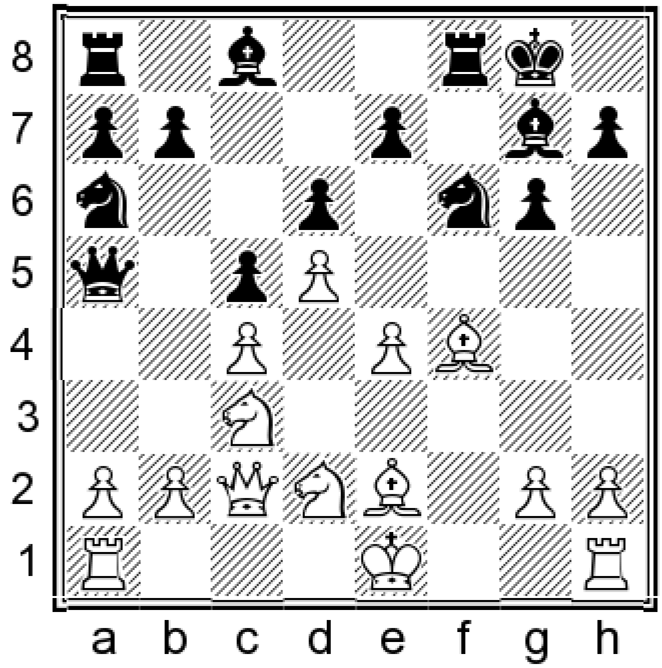
A) 16.♗e7 ♘b4 17.♕b3 ♗h6 (17...♖f7) 18.♗f8 ♖f8 looks very dangerous for White with his hanging pieces and king detained in the centre;

B) 16.a3 Even with the king in the centre, this strong prophylactic idea works.



B1) 16...♘b4 17.♕b3 (17.♕b1 ♗b2)
B1a) 17...♗b2 18.♖a2!! (18.♖b1 ♕a3 19.♖b2 ♕b2) 18...♘a2 19.♕b2;
B1b) 17...♕a4! 18.0-0-0 ♕b3 19.♘b3 ♖f2 20.♖he1 ♖g2 21.♗e7 ♘f4! 22.ab4 ♘e2 23.♔b1 ♘f4 24.♖d2 The storm is over and White has emerged with the slightly better game;
B2) 16...♖ae8 17.♖f1 (17.0-0-0 ♖f2) 17...♘b4 (17...♖f1 18.♔f1 e6 19.♔g1) 18.♕b3 ♕a4! 19.0-0-0 ♕b3 20.♖f8 (20.♘b3 ♘d3) 20...♖f8 21.♘b3 ♖f2 22.ab4 ♖e2 23.bc5 dc5 (23...♗b2 24.♔b1 ♗f6 25.c6! bc6 26.dc6 ♖b2 27.♔c1 ♖b3 28.♗f6 ♖b6 29.♗e7 ♖c6 30.♖d4 ♘g7! 31.♔d2 ♘e8=) 24.♗e7 ♗b2 25.♔b1 ♗f6 (25...♗e5 26.♖d2) 26.♗f6 ♘f6 27.♘c5 (27.d6 ♘d7) 27...b6 28.♘e6 ♘e4 (28...♖e4 29.♖c1 ♖e2 30.♖c2 ♖e1 31.♖c1=) 29.d6 ♘c3 30.♔c1 ♘a2=;
And 12...♘b4 is met by 13.♕c1 (13.♕b1? 0-0)].

13.♗e2

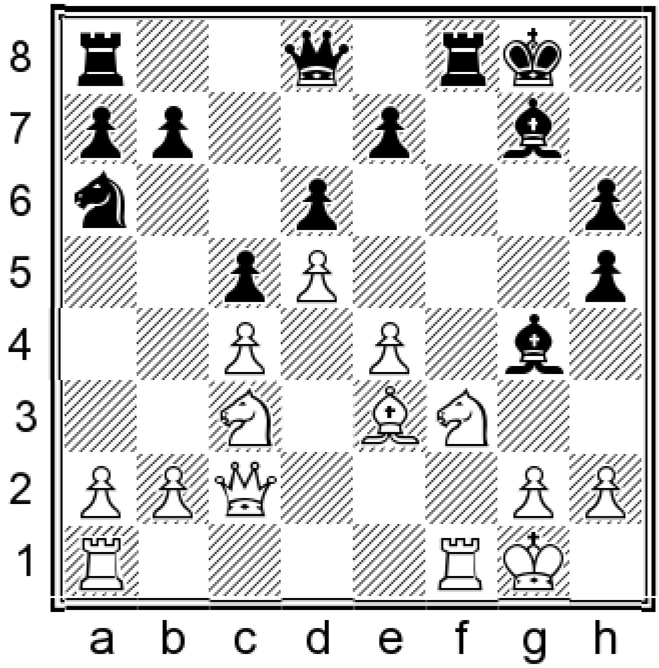


13...♘h5

[13...♘b4 14.♕c1□ (14.♕b1 ♘e4! 15.♕e4 ♗f5) 14...♘g4 (14...♘h5 15.♗g5 ♘f4 16.♗f4 ♖f4 17.a3±) 15.0-0 ♗d4 16.♔h1 ♘f2 17.♖f2 ♗f2 18.♗h6 ♖f7 19.a3 ♘a6 20.♘f3∞; 13...♗g4; 13...♘g4 14.0-0 ♗d4 15.♔h1 ♘f2 16.♖f2 ♗f2 17.♗h6 ♖f7 18.♘f3]

14.♗g5 ♕d8?
[⌓14...♘f4 15.0-0 (15.♗f4 ♖f4) 15...♘e2 (15...♘b4 16.♕d1; 15...♗d4 16.♔h1 ♗c3 17.♘b3) 16.♘e2 ♗g4 17.♘g3 with a normal sort of game (17.♘f4)]

15.♗h5 gh5 16.♘f3 h6 17.♗e3 ♗g4 18.0-0±

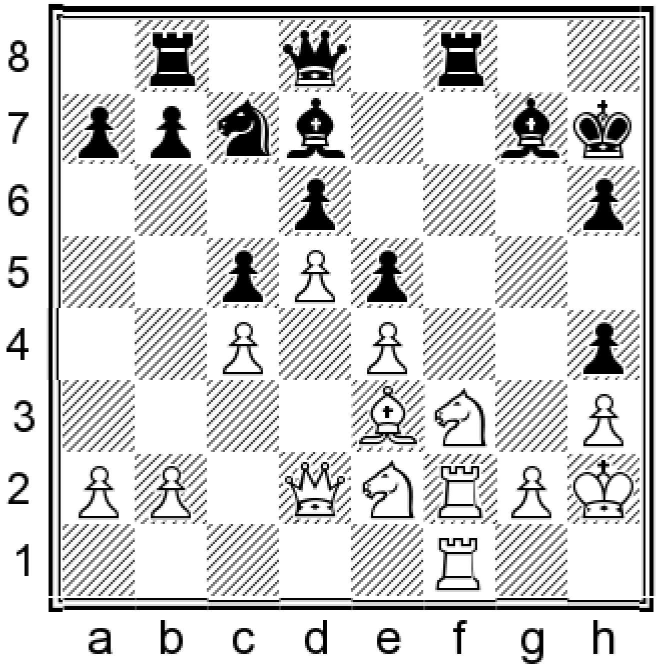


The position has completely changed. White’s pieces are better coordinated, while Black’s position is full of weaknesses. Moreover his knight on a6 is out of play and needs three moves to get over to the kingside.

18...e6 19.♕d2 ♔h7 20.♖ad1 e5 21.♖f2! ♘c7 22.♖df1 ♖b8 23.h3 ♗d7 24.♘e2! Bringing all his pieces to the kingside.

24...h4
[24...b5 25.♘g3 h4 26.♘h5]

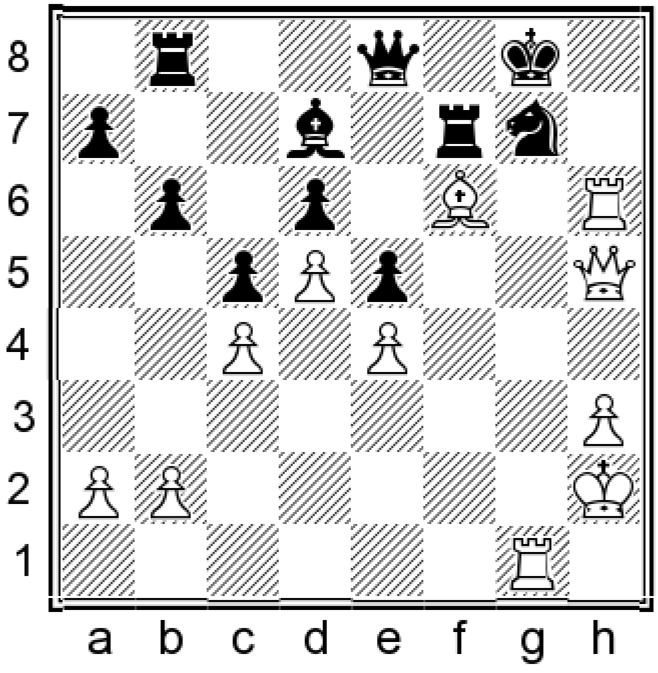
25.♔h2! Perfect play. White’s attack now looks devastating.



25...b6
[25...b5 26.g4 bc4 (26...hg3 27.♘g3 bc4 28.♘h5 ♗h8 29.♘g5+–) 27.g5±]

26.g3 hg3 27.♘g3 ♖g8 28.♘h5 ♘e8 29.♘g7 ♘g7 30.♗h6 ♘h5 31.♘g5 The final touch.

31...♔g6 32.♖g1 ♕e7 33.♘f7 ♔h7 34.♗g5 ♕e8 35.♕e2 ♘g7 36.♖f6 ♖f8 37.♖h6 ♔g8 38.♗f6 ♖f7 39.♕h5



A picturesque final position.

In the second game Mamedyarov made a draw with the black pieces to clinch the mini-match.
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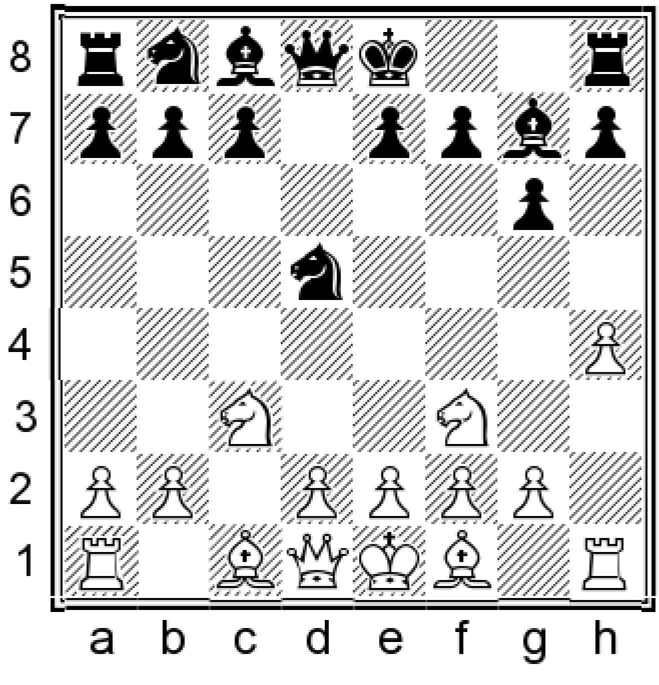
Ding LIREN 2782 — Wei YI 2734
World Cup (4.1), Baku 2015

This battle is between the Chinese No. 1 Ding Liren and the young and rapidly advancing Wei Yi, who is only 16(!) and considered by many to be a future challenger to World Champion Magnus Carlsen. It was very exciting for the spectators since it had many up and down moments.

When asked before the match who I thought would win this game, I said I was rooting for Ding Liren since I thought he had more experience of playing in super tournaments and also because he had achieved the amazing feat of defeating Boris Gelfand in their World Cup match. Hence, as far as I was concerned, he was the favourite. However my prediction was proved wrong and Wei won the match in the rapid tiebreaks. The number of losing positions he saved in this match and also in his previous match against GM Yuri Vovk was simply astonishing, and showed just how cold-blooded he can be, Some call it luck, but as they say luck favours the brave!

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5
Wei Yi mainly plays the Gruenfeld and Anti-Gruenfeld against ♘f3/c4 systems, so it was no surprise either to Ding nor to the spectators.

4.cd5 ♘d5 5.h4!? ♗g7



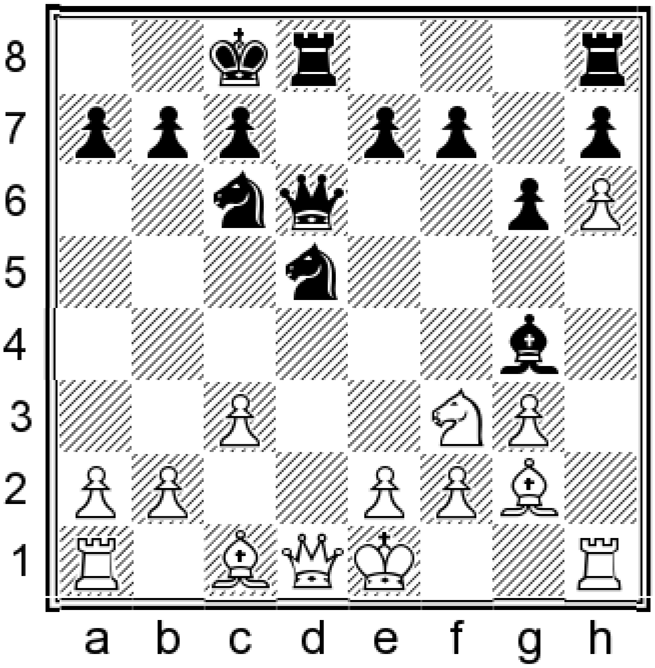
6.h5
[6.e4 is another possibility There are two recent games played Wei Yi, which led to an endgame after 6...♘c3N (RR 6...♘b6 Zhou Jianchao 2652 – Li Chao 2619, Danzhou 2010) 7.dc3 ♕d1 8.♔d1 ♘d7 (8...b6 9.♗f4 ♗b7 10.♗b5 c6 11.♗e2 ♘d7 12.♔c2 e5 13.♗e3 c5 14.♘d2 f5 15.f3 ♘f6 16.♗d3 0-0 17.a4 ♖ac8 18.a5 b5 19.a6± Wang Yue 2716 – Wei Yi 2724, Danzhou 2015) 9.♗c4 ♘f6 10.♖e1 ♘g4 11.♔e2 ♗d7 12.a4 e6 13.h5 0-0-0 14.♖h1 f5 15.♘g5 ♖de8 16.♗f4 gh5 17.♖h5 h6 18.♘f7 ♖hf8 19.♘h6 ♘f6 20.♖h4 ♘e4 21.♗e3 e5 22.♗f7 ♖e7 23.♗g6 ♘d6 24.g4 f4 Ni Hua 2703 – Wei Yi 2724, Danzhou 2015]

Ding Liren, Photo by Alina L'Ami

6...♘c6 7.g3 ♗g4 8.h6 ♗c3

[8...♗f6 9.♗g2 0-0 10.0-0 ♖e8N (RR 10...♗f3 J. Cori Tello 2612 – Wei Yi 2641, Pune 2014) 11.♘e4 ♗h8 12.d3 ♘d4 13.♘d4 ♗d4 14.♕a4 ♘b6 15.♕c2 Tomashevsky 2758 – Navara 2734, Berlin (rapid) 2015]

9.dc3 ♕d6 10.♗g2 0-0-0



11.♘g5N

Here comes the improvement on the game mentioned below with ♕a4. In the press conference after the game, Ding mentioned that he only analysed this idea a day before the game at Baku. Perhaps it is the top choice of the computer engines.

[11.♕a4 ♕e6 12.0-0 f6 13.♕c4 ♗h3 14.♗h3 ♕h3 15.a4 g5 16.a5 ♖hg8 17.a6 ♘b6 18.♕e4 ♖d5 19.♕h7 ♖gd8 20.♖e1 ba6 21.b3 ♖f5 22.♘d4 ♘d4 23.cd4 ♖d4 24.♗e3 ♖dd5 25.♗b6 ab6 26.♖ac1 ♖f2 27.♔f2 ♕h2 28.♔f1 ♕h1 29.♔f2 ♕h2 30.♔f1 ♕h3 31.♔f2 ♕h2 ½:½ Wang Yue 2721 – Wei Yi 2725, China 2015]

11...♘e5 12.♕a4

[12.♕d5 ♕d5 13.♗d5 ♖d5

A) 14.f4 f6 15.♘e4 (15.♘h7 ♘f7∓) 15...♖hd8 16.♘f2 ♘c6⩱;

B) 14.b3

B1) 14...f6 15.c4 ♖d7 (15...♖a5 16.♗d2 ♖c5 17.♘e4⩲) 16.♗b2⩲;

B2) 14...♖hd8

B2a) 15.♗f4 f6 16.♘h7

B2a1) 16...♖h8 17.c4 ♖c5 18.f3! (18.b4?! ♖c4 19.♗e5 ♖h7 20.♗f4 ♖b4⩱) 18...♗d7 19.b4 ♖c4 20.♗e5 ♖h7 21.♗b2 ♖c2 (21...♖b4 22.♗a3 ♖b6 23.♗e7);

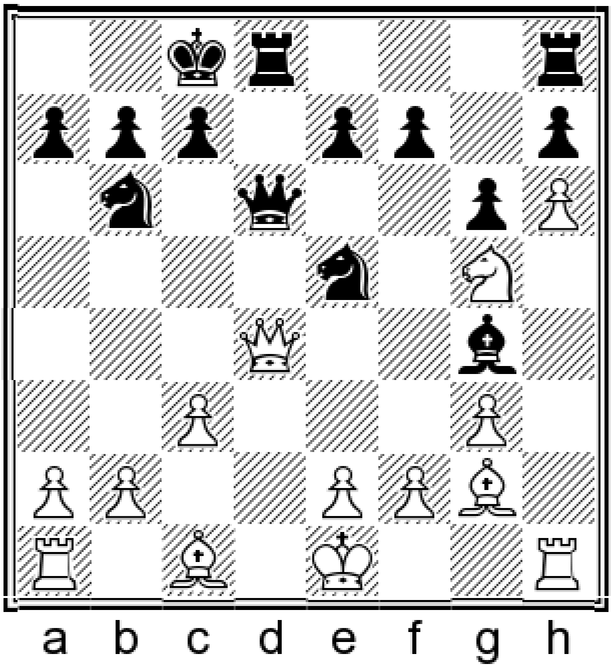
B2a2) 16...♘f7! and the knight is stuck on h7;

B2b) 15.♗e3 f6 16.c4 ♖5d7 17.♘e4 (17.♘h7 ♖h8) 17...♘f3 18.♔f1 ♘d4]

12...♘b6

[12...♔b8 13.f4!±]

13.♕d4



13...f6

[13...♕d4 14.cd4 ♖d4 15.b3 (15.♗f4 ♘bd7; 15.f3 f6) 15...♖dd8! (15...f6 16.♗b2; 15...♖hd8 16.♗b2 ♖d2 17.♗e5 ♖e2 18.♔f1 ♖e5 19.♘f7)

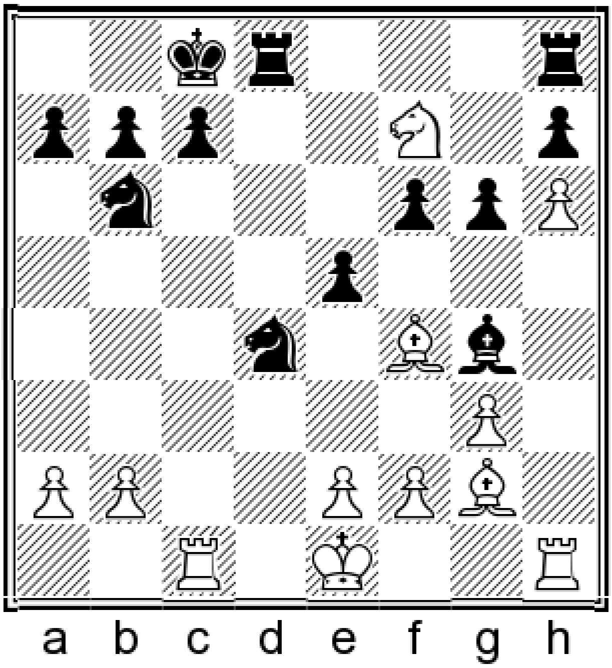
A) 16.♗b2 ♘bd7 17.f3 (17.f4 f6 18.♘e4 ♘f7) 17...f6! (17...♗f5 18.g4 ♗e6 19.f4±) 18.fg4 fg5 19.♗c1 ♘g4 20.♗g5 ♘gf6;

B) 16.f3! f6 (16...♗f5 17.g4 ♗e6 18.♗b2±) 17.fg4 fg5 18.♗g5±]

14.♗f4! ♕d4 15.cd4 ♘c6

[On 15...♖d4 follows 16.♗e5 fe5 17.♖c1! Since the rook is tied down to the h7 pawn there is no need to hurry with ♘f7 so instead White improves his pieces and increases his pressure (17.♘f7 ♖f8 18.♘e5 ♗e6 19.f4)]

16.♘f7 ♘d4 17.♖c1 e5

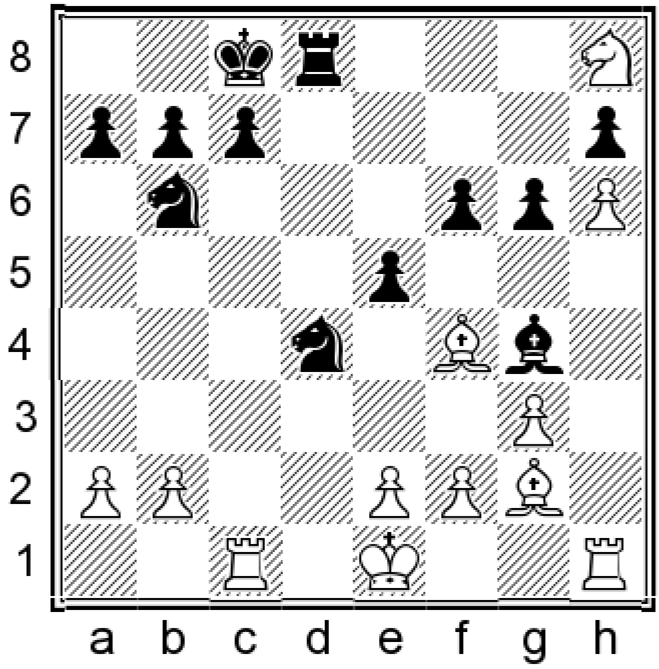


18.♖h4!

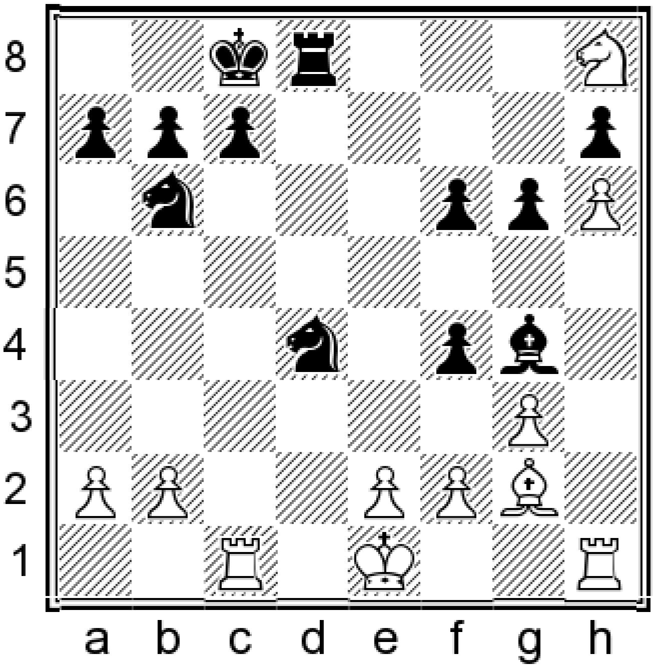
[18.♘d8

A) 18...♘e2 19.♘f7 ♖f8 20.♘d6±;
B) 18...ef4 19.♘f7 ♖f8 20.♘d6 (20.f3 ♖f7 21.fg4 ♖e7 22.♔d2 ♖e2 23.♔d3 ♖g2 24.♔d4 fg3 25.♖he1 ♔d7∓) 20...♔b8 21.f3 cd6 22.fg4 ♖e8 23.♔d2 ♖e2 24.♔d3 ♖g2 25.♔d4 fg3 26.♖he1 ♖d2 27.♔c3 ♖d5 28.♖e8;
C) 18...♖d8
C1) 19.♗d2 ♘e2 20.♖c5 ♘d4∓;
C2) 19.♗e3 ♘e2 20.♖c2 ♘f4! (20...♘g1!?) 21.0-0 ♘g2 22.♔g2 ♘d5;
C3) 19.♖h4! ♗e2 20.♗h3 (20.♗e3 ♗f3 21.♗h3 ♘f5 20...♔b8 21.♗e3 ♖e8!;

18.♘h8



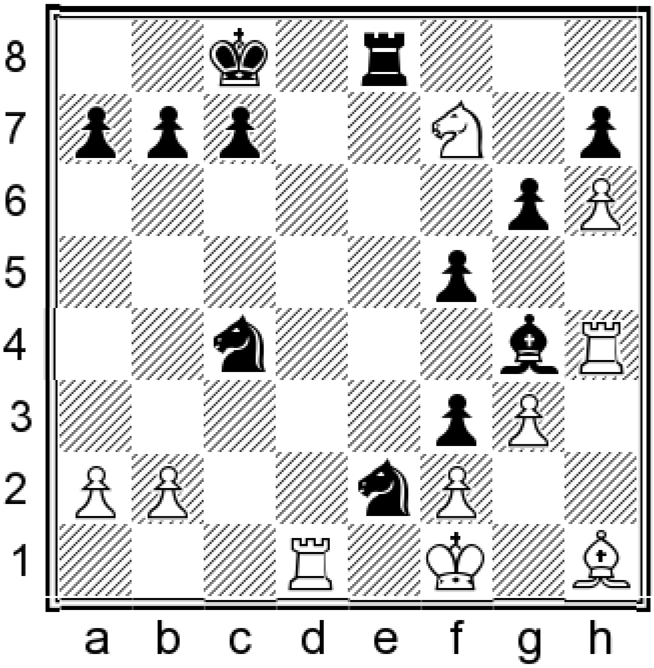
A) 18...♖h8
A1) 19.♖h4 ♗e2 20.♗e3
A1a) 20...♖e8? 21.♗d4 ed4 22.♖e4! ♖e4 23.♗e4 d3 (23...♗h5 24.g4 ♗g4 25.♗g6) 24.♗g6;
A1b) 20...♗f3 21.♗d4 ♗g2;
A2) 19.♗e3 The difference now being that the black rook is on h8 rather than d8. 19...♘e2 20.♖d1± (20.♖c2 ♘d4 21.♗d4 ed4 22.♔d2) 20...♘c4? 21.♖h4!+–;
B) 18...ef4



B1) 19.♖h4 f3!

B1a) 20.♗h1

B1a1) 20...♘e2 21.♖d1 ♖e8 22.♔f1 (22.♖g4? ♘c3 23.♔d2 ♘d1) 22...f5 23.♘f7 ♘c4



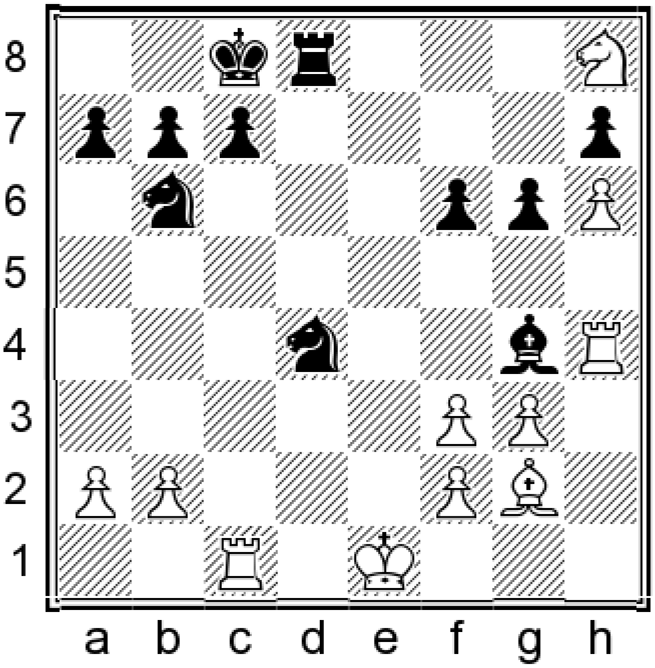
B1a11) 24.♘g5 ♘g3! –+;

B1a12) 24.♗f3 ♗f3 25.♖c4 ♘g3 26.♔g1 (26.fg3 ♗e2) 26...♘e4 (26...♖f8 27.♘d6 ♔d7 28.♖d3 ♗e2 29.♖g3 cd6 30.♖b4 ♗a6; 26...♗d1 27.♘d6);

B1a13) 24.♖d3 ♘c1 25.♖d1 ♘e2= (25...♘a2 26.♘g5 ♘b2 27.♖e1 ♖e1 28.♔e1 ♘d3 29.♔f1 ♘c3 30.♘h7+–);

B1a2) 20...♗f5 A calm move, threatening ♘c2 and winning the knight on h8, which looks far stronger 21.♘f7 ♖d7;

B1b) 20.ef3

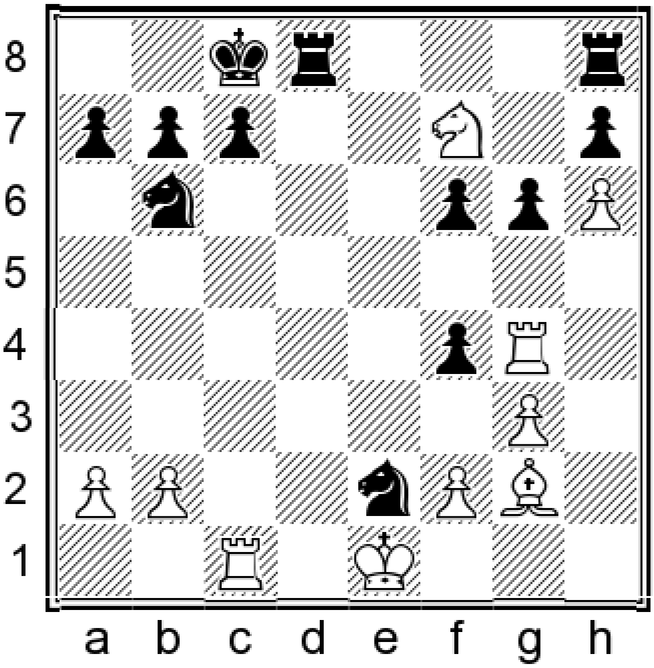


B1b1) 20...♗f3 21.♖d4;
B1b2) 20...♘f3 21.♗f3 ♗f3 22.♖f4 (22.♘f7 g5!)
B1b21) 22...♖e8 23.♔d2 ♗c6 24.♘g6 ♖d8 (24...♘d5 25.♖g4 f5 26.♖g5 hg6 27.♖g6 ♖h8) 25.♔e2 ♘d5 26.♖g4 ♖g8! 27.♘e5 ♖e8 28.♖g7 ♖e5 29.♔d2 ♖f5 (29...♖e7? 30.♖e1+–) 30.♔e1 ♗b5 31.♖h7 ♖e5;
B1b22) 22...♗c6 23.♘g6 ♘d5 24.♖g4 ♖g8 25.♘e5 ♖e8 26.♖g7 ♖e5 27.♔d2 ♖f5;
B1b3) 20...♗f5!;
B2) 19.♘g6 hg6 20.f3 ♗e6 (20...♗f5 21.gf4) 21.gf4 ♖h8 with a complex position.]

18...ef4?
[18...♗e2 19.♗e3 (19.♘h8 ♖h8 transposes to the above note; 19.♘d8 ♖d8 also transposes.) 19...♗f3

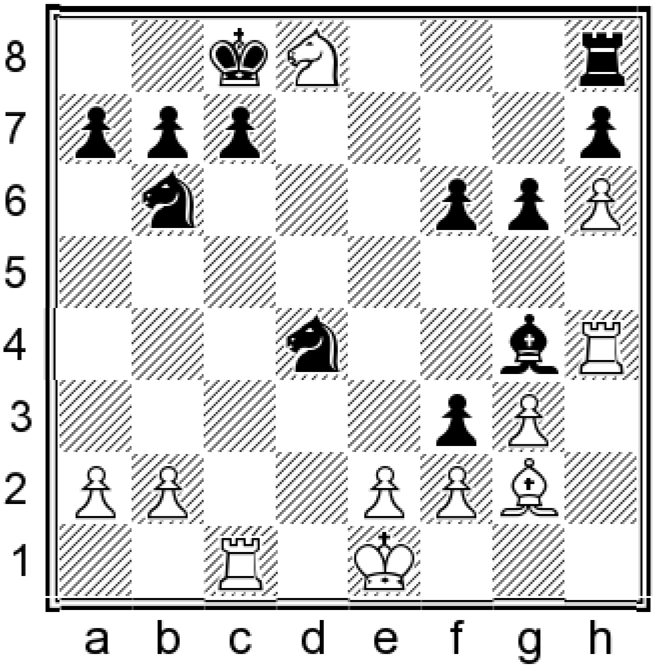
A) 20.♗h3
A1) 20...♔b8 21.♘d8 (21.♘h8? ♘c2) 21...♖d8 22.♗d4 ed4 23.♖f4±;
A2) 20...♘f5∞;
B) 20.♗d4 ♗g2 21.♗b6 ab6 22.♖a4 ♔b8]

19.♘d8
[19.♖g4 ♘e2 (19...f3 20.♗h3±)

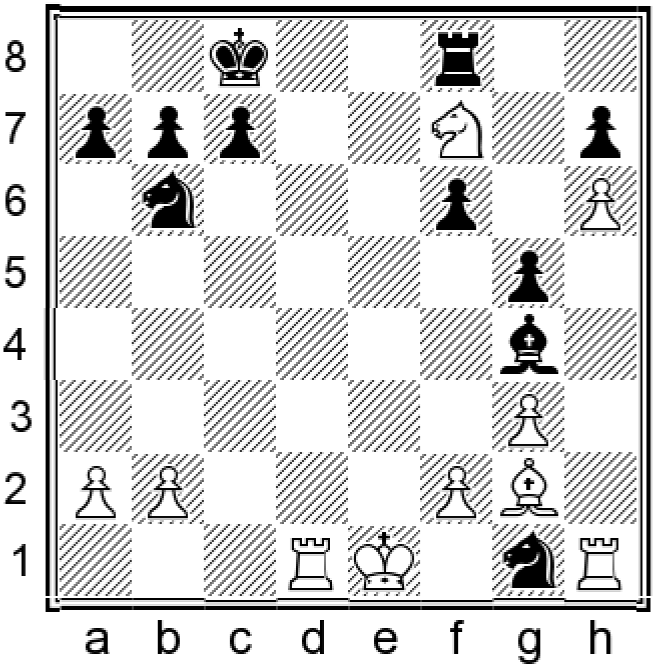


20.♗b7!!
Probably this is what Wei missed in his calculations. An important intermediate move killing off Black’s whole plot. (20.♔e2 ♖he8 21.♔f1 ♖d7) 20...♔b8 (20...♔b7 21.♘d8) 21.♔e2]

19...f3□
[19...♘e2 20.♗b7 ♔b8 21.♗a6 ♘c1 22.♘c6 ♔a8 23.♖g4±; 19...♗e2 20.♘f7±]



20.ef3?
As the position becomes more complex, move by move, it is difficult for both sides to play very accurately. Indeed, after playing a series of good moves, Ding now makes an error.
[⌓ 20.♗h1
A) 20...♘e2 21.♘f7 (21.♖d1 f5 22.♘f7 ♖e8 23.♔f1 ♘c4 transposes to the variations discussed above.) 21...♖f8 22.♖d1 ♗d7! 23.♗f3 ♘g1 24.♗g2 g5 25.♖h1 ♗g4



A1) 26.♖d8 ♖d8 27.♘d8 ♘f3 28.♔e2 ♘e5 (28...♘h4! 29.f3 ♘g2 30.fg4 ♔d8 31.♔f3 ♘c4 32.♔g2 ♘e5 and hopefully Black builds a fortress.) 29.f3 ♗d7 30.♘b7! (30.f4 gf4 31.gf4 ♘g6 32.♗e4 f5∓) 30...♔b7 31.f4 ♗c6 (31...♘c6? 32.fg5 fg5 33.♖f1+–) 32.♗c6 ♘c6 33.fg5 fg5 34.♖f1 ♘e5 35.♖f5 ♘bd7 Black should be able to hold this endgame but it is still far from clear;

A2) 26.♘d6 cd6 27.♖c1 ♔b8 28.♖g1 ♖e8 29.♔d2 (29.♔f1 ♗e2 30.♔e1 ♘c4 31.f3 ♗d3 32.♔d1 ♖e2∓) 29...♖e2 30.♔d3 ♖f2∞;

B) 20...♖d8! 21.♖g4 f5 22.♖h4 fe2↑]

20...♘f3 21.♗f3 ♖e8! 22.♔d2

[22.♔f1 ♗f3 23.♘f7 ♖e7 24.♘h8 g5 25.♖d4 c6 with the idea of ...♗d5 and knight is stuck forever on h8.]

22...♗f3 23.♘f7 ♗c6

[The very accurate intermediate check 23...♖e2! gives Black the upper hand, since after Kd3 he always has the trick of another check with ♗e2, when the white knight escapes with ♘d6 and ♘c4. Then follows: 24.♔d3 ♖e7 25.♖f4 (25.♘d6 ♔d8 26.♘e4 g5)

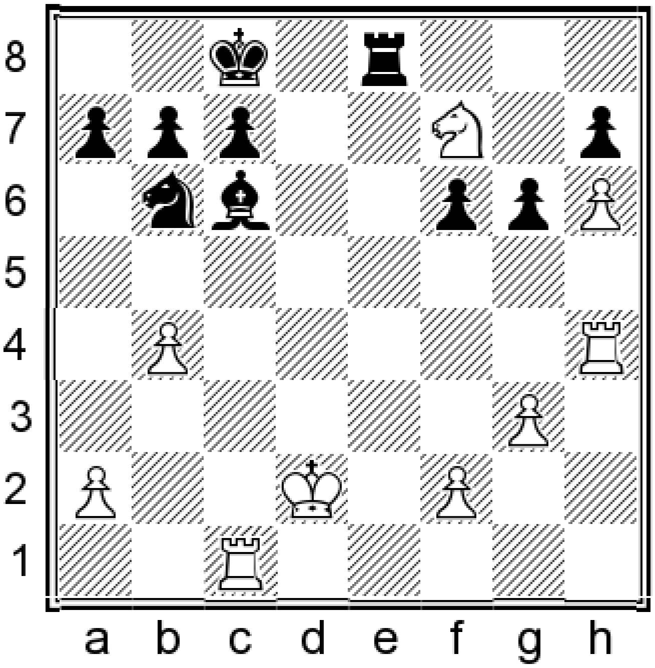
A) 25...♗e2 26.♔d2 ♘d5 27.♖e4! (27.♖d4 ♗f3 28.♘d6);

B) 25...♖d7! 26.♔c2 (26.♔e3 ♗c6 –+) 26...♗d5 27.♘h8 ♖d8 28.♘g6 hg6 29.♖f6 ♖h8!∓;

23...♖e7 24.♘d6]

24.b4

[24.♖f4 ♘d5 25.♖d4 ♔d7]

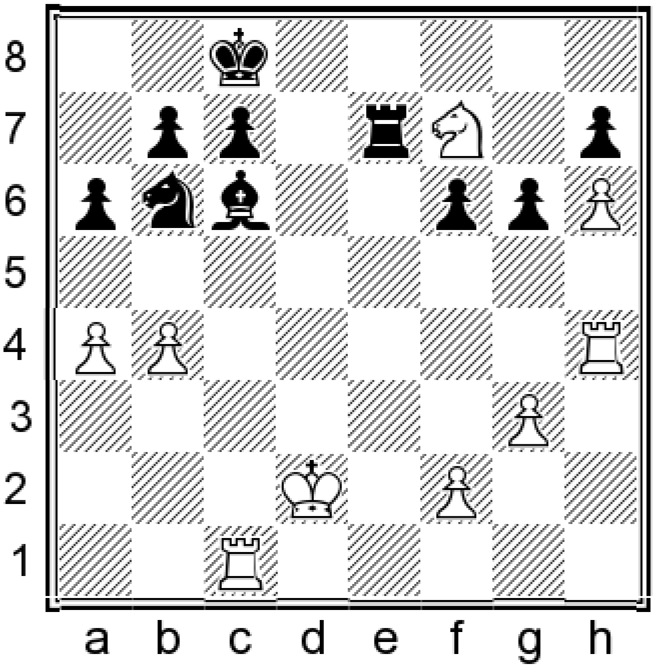


24...a6

[24...♔d7 25.♖f4 (25.♖d4 ♗d5) 25...♘d5 (25...♔e6 26.b5) 26.♖d4 b6!, making room for the bishop as the knight on h8 has nowhere to run. (26...♔e6 27.♖c5! a6 28.a4 ♔f7 29.b5) 27.♖g4 (with the tricky idea of ♖g6) 27...♖f8 28.♖g6 hg6 29.h7 ♘b4 30.h8♕ ♖h8 31.♘h8 ♘a2 32.♖e1 g5 and Black's three connected pawns give him the upper hand.]

25.a4 ♘a4?

[25...♔d7 26.♖d4 ♗d5 27.a5 – revealing the point of the inclusion of Black's ...a6 and White's a4; 25...♖e7



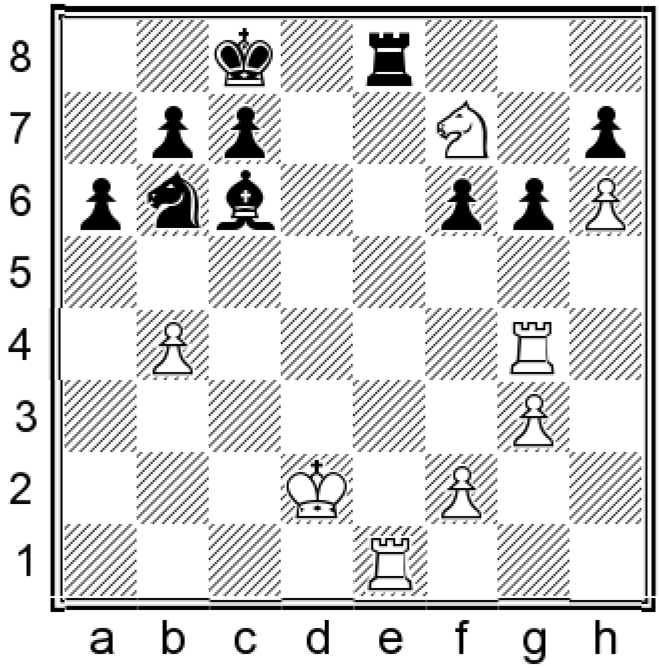
A) 26.♘h8 ♖d7 27.♔e1 g5 –+ (27...♖d8 28.♘f7);

B) 26.♘d6! cd6 27.b5 ♔c7 (27...ab5 28.ab5) 28.bc6;

25...g5 26.♖d4 ♘a4 27.♖e1 ♖f8 28.♖e7 ♘b6 29.♘g5 (29.♘d8 ♖d8 30.♖d8 ♔d8 31.♖h7 ♗e4 32.♖g7 ♘d5 33.h7 ♗h7 34.♖h7 ♘b4) 29...fg5 30.♖h7 ♘d7 31.♖g7 ♘f6 and Black is in time to save the position.]

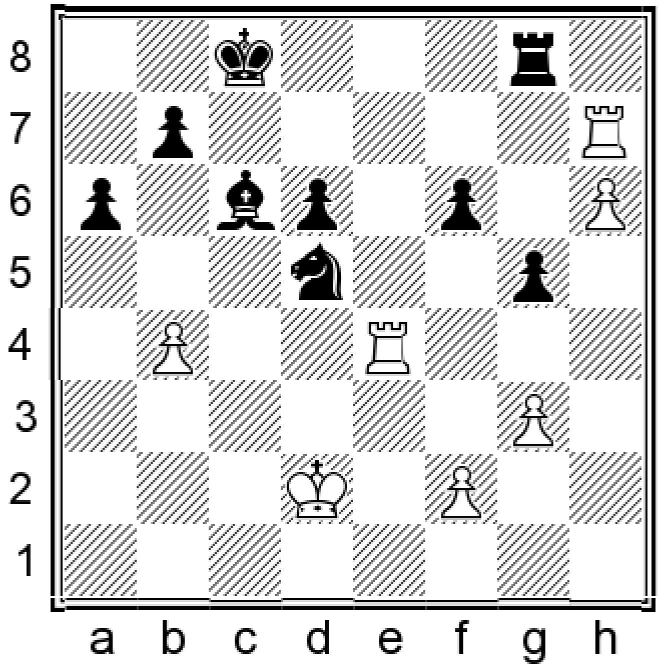
26.♖e1?!
[Though this looks natural, White has the stronger option of 26.♖f4 ♘b6 27.♖f6 ♘d5 28.♖g6± with the same trick.]

26...♘b6 27.♖g4 Threatening Rg6.
[27.♖e8 ♗e8 28.♖e4 ♗f7 29.♖e7 ♘c4 30.♔c3 ♘d6 –+]



27...♖g8
[27...♖f8 28.♖e7 ♗d5 29.♘d6 cd6 30.♖h7 looks dangerous for Black in practice, but the computer somehow defends the position by giving up one of the black minor pieces for the h-pawn 30...♘d7∞]

28.♖e7! ♘d5 29.♘d6 cd6 30.♖h7 g5 31.♖e4
Finally, after severe pressure from his opponent, Wei embarks on a series of inaccurate moves.

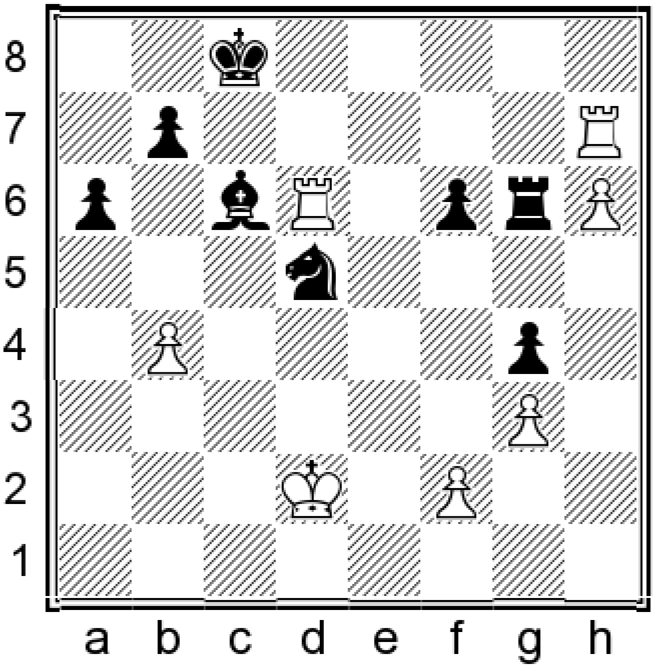


31...♖g6
[⌓31...♘c7! bringing the knight into the defence after 32.♖ee7 ♘e8.]

32.♖e6 g4?!

[32...♔d8! 33.♖d6 ♔e8 34.♖h8 ♔f7 35.♖dd8 ♔e6; 32...♘c7 33.♖ee7 ♘e8 34.♖h8 ♔d8 35.♖f7 ♗d5 36.♖ff8 ♗c6 37.h7 ♖h6 38.♖f7 ♗d5 39.♖g7 ♗e4 40.♔e3±; 32...♘b4 33.♖ee7]

33.♖d6



33...♘b4

The only non-human-like move to save the position is 33...Kb8 but it can nevertheless be found by means of Dvoretsky's favourite method Elimination of possibilities. Black has hardly any other possibility than ...♘b4, which is inferior since White has at least two options to achieve a decent advantage. The other knight moves don't make any sense. So the only remaining possibility is to move the king away from any checks, since the black rook is doing a good job keeping an eye on the h6 pawn and hampering the movements of the white rook on h7. With both players having little time on clock and still only 33 moves played, it was even more difficult to find this move.

34.♖h8 ♔c7 35.♖d4! Precise play by Ding, avoiding the position with queen for two pieces in the variation discussed below.

[Surprisingly 35.h7 ♖h6 36.♖f6 ♖f6 37.♖c8! ♔b6 38.h8♕ ♖f2 39.♔c3 is still not clear after 39...♔b5 (39...♔a5)]

35...♘d5 36.h7 ♖h6 37.♖g4 ♘e7 38.♖g7 ♔d7 39.♖f8

A fighting game which ended in Ding's favour. However Wei struck back with a win in the second game to level the score, and finally won the match in the rapid tiebreaks.

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1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6

After a draw in the first game with Black I expected that Dimitry would play the Berlin Defence, which I would have avoided if it was a must-win game. However, in the present case I thought it would be okay to be content with a slight advantage in a position where for the most part only White could obtain real winning chances.

4.0-0 ♘e4 5.♖e1

I prefer this variation to the endgame positions reached in the main lines.

5...♘d6 6.♘e5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘e5 8.♖e5 0-0 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.♗f4 ♖e1 12.♕e1 ♘e8

[12...♗d4?! 13.♗d6 cd6 14.♘c3 g6 15.♖d1 ♗e5 16.♘b5±]

13.c3 d5 14.♗d3 g6 15.♘d2 ♘g7 16.♕e2 c6

[16...♗f5?! 17.♗f5 ♘f5 18.♕b5!±]

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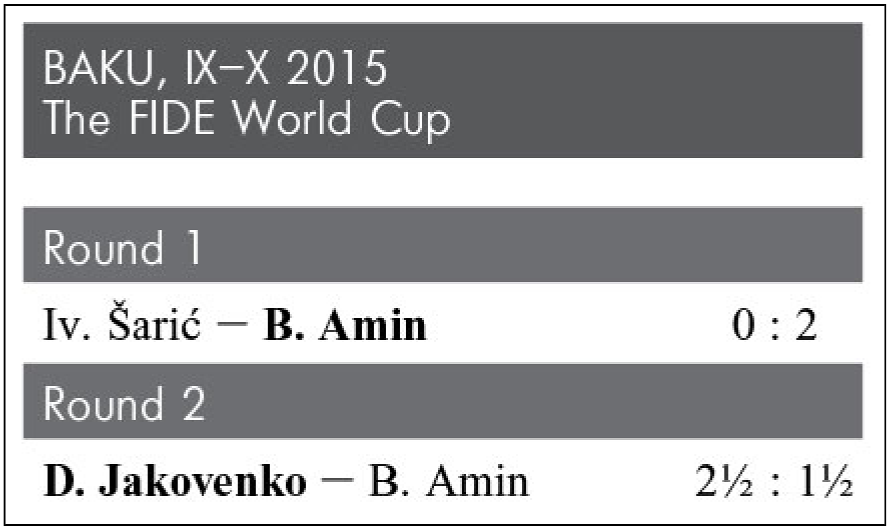
17.♖e1 ♗f5 18.♗f5 ♘f5 19.♘f3 ♘g7 20.♗e5! ♘e6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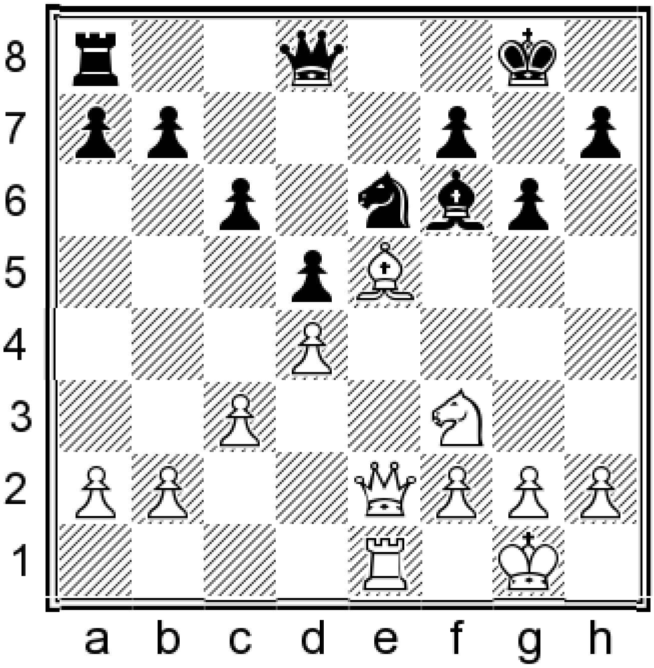


So far all of these moves have been played before in games by leading players, such as Carlsen – Anand, and almost all the games ended shortly in a draw after ♗f6.

21.♕e3
[21.g3!?; RR 21.♗f6 ♕f6= Carlsen 2870 – Anand 2775, Chennai (m/8) 2013 – 119/(106)]

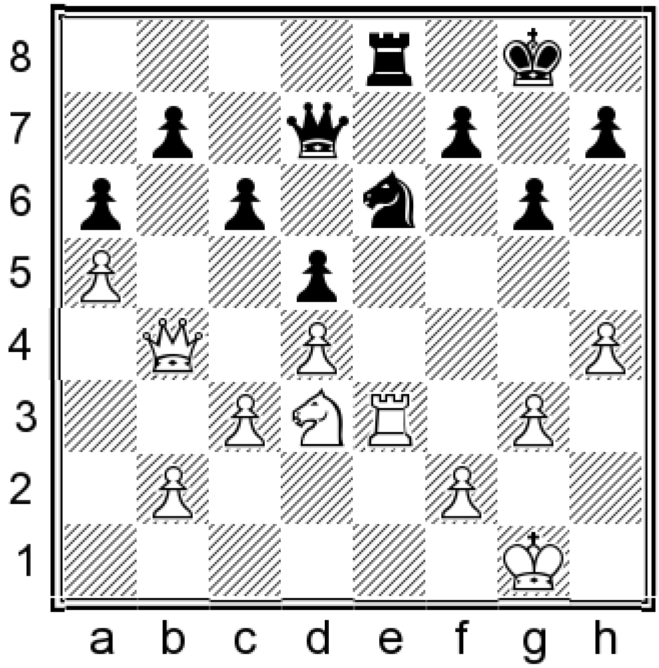
21...♗e5N
[RR 21...♕e7 Guseinov 2634 – Anand 2803, Berlin (wch-blitz) 2015]

22.♘e5 ♕g5 23.♕f3 ♕f4 24.♕d1!
Keeping the queens on the board is the only way to retain hopes of winning.

24...♖e8 25.♖e3 ♖e7 26.g3 ♕h6 27.♕a4 Forcing ...a6, which is a significant queenside weakness in any endgame.

27...a6 28.♕b4 ♕f8 29.a4 ♕d8 30.a5± Fixing Black’s queenside pawns.

30...♕c7 31.♘d3 ♕d7 32.h4 ♖e8

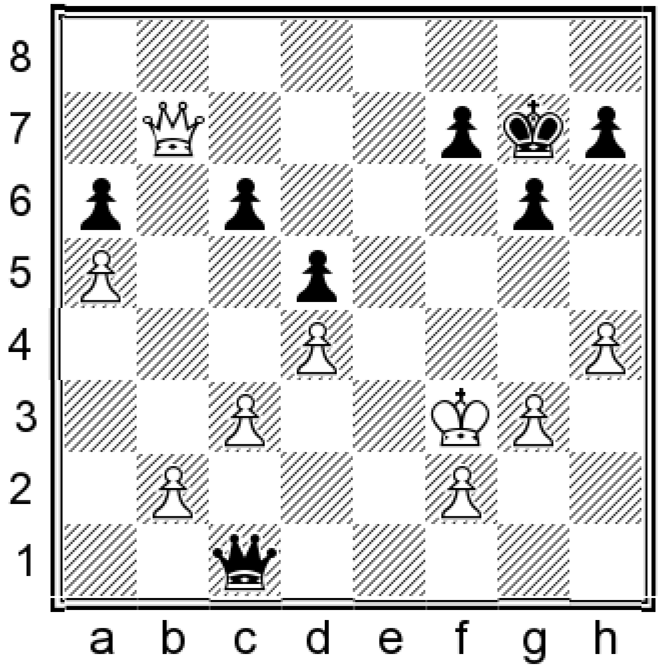


White’s position is definitely better but it’s very hard to make progress.

33.♕b6 ♖e7 34.♖e5 ♔g7 35.♕b3 ♕c7 36.♕b4 ♕d7 37.♘f4 ♖e8 38.♘e6 ♖e6 39.♖e6 ♕e6
[39...fe6 might still be a draw but I thought that creating another weakness would give me good chances in the queen ending.]

40.♕b7 ♕e1
It seems like a forced draw by perpetual check but somehow the white king manages to escape the checks.

41.♔g2 ♕e4 42.♔f1 ♕b1 43.♔e2 ♕c2 44.♔e3 ♕c1 45.♔f3



45...♕e1!
The only move! There are no more checks but still a threat of checkmate.
[45...♕h1? 46.♔e2 ♕e4 47.♔d2±]

46.g4! h5?!

[46...♕h1! 47.♔e2 (47.♔e3 ♕e1) 47...♕h4 48.♕c8 h5 49.gh5 ♕e4 50.♔f1 ♕h1 51.♔e2 ♕e4=]

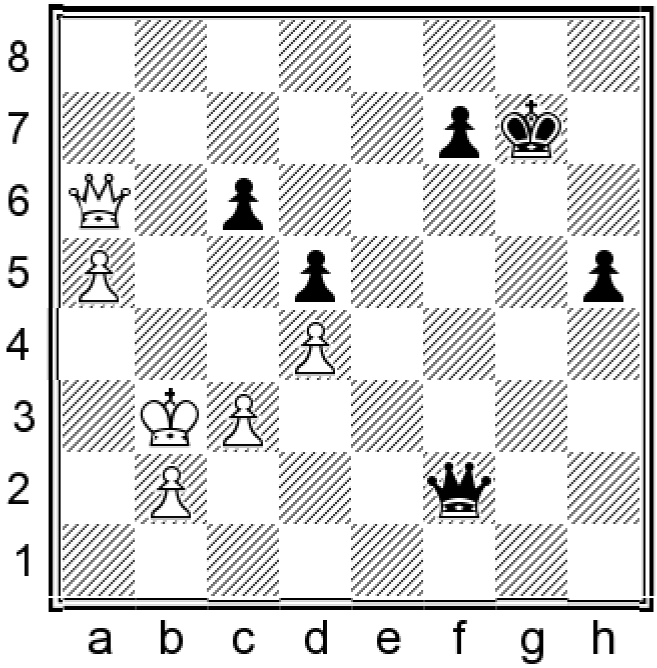
47.gh5 gh5 48.♕c8!

[Preventing the second check on g4 after ♕e4]

48...♕h1 49.♔e2 ♕e4 50.♔d2 ♕f4

[50...c5! 51.♕c5 (51.dc5 ♕f4 52.♔c2 ♕a4 53.b3 ♕a2 54.♔d3 ♕b1=) 51...♕h4=]

51.♔c2 ♕h4 52.♕a6 ♕f2 53.♔b3



53...c5!

The best defensive move for Black. I spent more than 30 minutes on this position, trying to find the best way to play for a win – but I couldn't!

[In fact 53...h4 54.♕c6 h3 55.a6 ♕f6 56.♕f6 ♔f6 57.a7 h2 58.a8♕ h1♕ 59.♔b4 would have offered very good winning chances.]

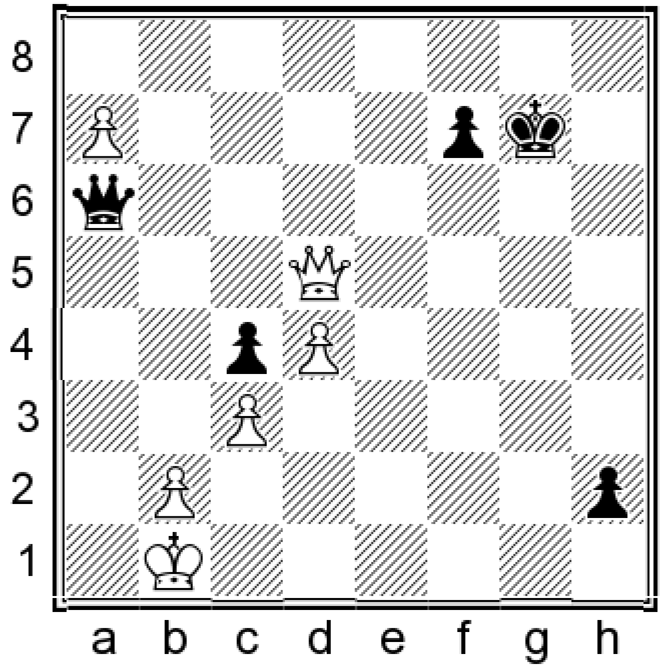
54.♕b6

[54.♕b5 cd4 55.♕d5 (55.♕b6) 55...dc3 56.♕g5 ♔f8 57.bc3 h4 58.♕e5!± This was the move I missed in my calculations after Black's ...c5. Now 58...f6 59.♕b8 ♔g7 60.a6 ♕f1 61.♕c7 ♔g6 62.a7 ♕b1 63.♔a3 ♕a1 64.♔b4 ♕b2 is still a difficult endgame albeit with very significant winning chances. On the other hand 54.dc5 ♕c5 55.♕b6 ♕c4 56.♔a3 h4 is equal.]

54...c4 55.♔a2 ♕c2 56.♕b4 ♕g6 57.♕b5

[57.♕a3 ♕a6 58.♕c5 ♕a8]

57...h4 58.a6 h3 59.a7 h2 60.♕d5 ♕a6 61.♔b1



61...♕g6 Forcing a perpetual check in order to take the match to rapid tiebreak.

62.♔a2 ♕a6
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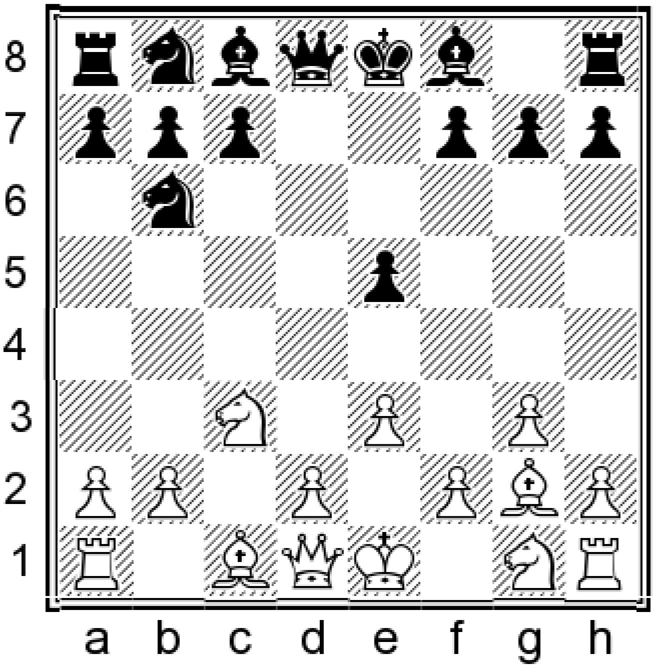
This original system of development was introduced by the Latvian master Fricis Apsenieks in his game against Paul Johner at the 3rd Chess Olympiad in Munich 1936.

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♗g2 ♘b6 6.e3



White’s plan is to eliminate the central e5 pawn with the break f4, establishing a preponderance in the centre and a mobile pawn pair.

The bishop on g2 will exert more influence on the h1-a8 diagonal after the development of the king’s knight on e2, the white rook can operate on the open f-file, the dark squared bishop will enjoy great activity on the other long diagonal. The only downside is the creation of a weakness on d3 as the white d-pawn may become backward if Black sets up a blockade on that square.

For reasons that are not really known, the game Apsenieks – Johner, Munchen (ol) 1936, has remained unnoticed by subsequent generations, although I think it is still of some theoretical importance.

Maybe White’s approach didn’t gain any followers because it contained a certain degree of strategical risk and the leading players of nearly four subsequent generations didn’t believe in its dynamic potential. But nowadays extensively analysed main lines have forced creative players to search desperately for new ideas at an early stage in the opening.

Nakamura saw its potential and decided to give it a try in his 2012 game against David Navara. The game resulted in a clash between two concepts – White’s flank strategy and Black’s Botvinnik-like central setup. In the game White won elegantly, demonstrating the power and harmony in his setup. After that, the variation enjoyed a rapid burst of popularity.

A couple of months later, counting on the element of surprise and without any deep preparation, I decided to play it against the renowned opening expert Ivan Cheparinov.

Playing as usual with lightning speed he unleashed the unpleasant 7...♗f5. Here, instead of flank strategy with 8.f4, I went for the classical 8.d4 and after the incorrect 11...♗e6?! I seized an opening initiative with 12.d5!. Later I missed the best continuation and only got a slightly better endgame.

Now, several years later and after more than hundred games played with this variation, there is no doubt about the correctness of 6.e3. So, after a thorough study, I would like to share my thoughts on the opening and draw some conclusions. Black has tried a couple of principal setups and we will deal here with most of the variations contained within these.

A) The restraining 6...c6

Closing the long diagonal is a solid but rather passive formation as at the very least it gives White the option of taking back the centre with 9.d4 and gaining a slight advantage.

Anyway this should not bother Black too much as he has no weaknesses and must be able to gradually equalise. More unpleasant is the typical 9.f4 when I recommend the simplifying approach with ...ef4 – which can be seen in the game T. Kosintseva – Ruan, rather than ...a5 which is covered in Li Chao – Karpatchev.

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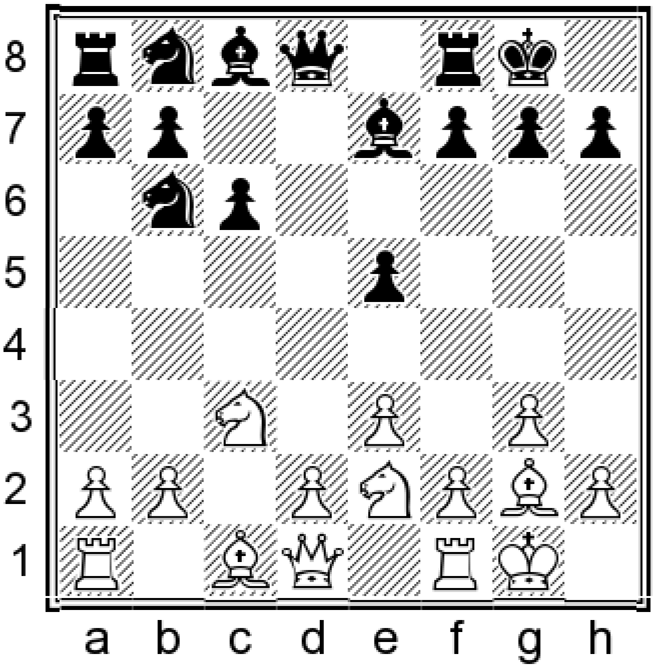
9.f4 ♘8d7 10.b3 ef4

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♗g2 ♘b6 6.e3 ♗e7 7.♘ge2 0-0 8.0-0 c6

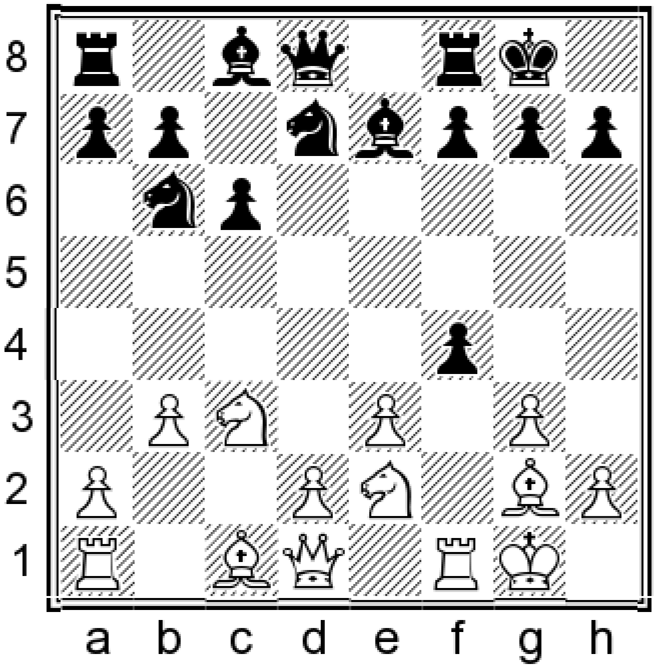


An important part of Black’s strategy is to take control of the d5 square and to restrict the white bishop on g2.

9.f4 ♘8d7 10.b3

[10.fe5 ♘e5 11.d4 ♘g6 12.e4?! c5 is a good version for Black]

10...ef4

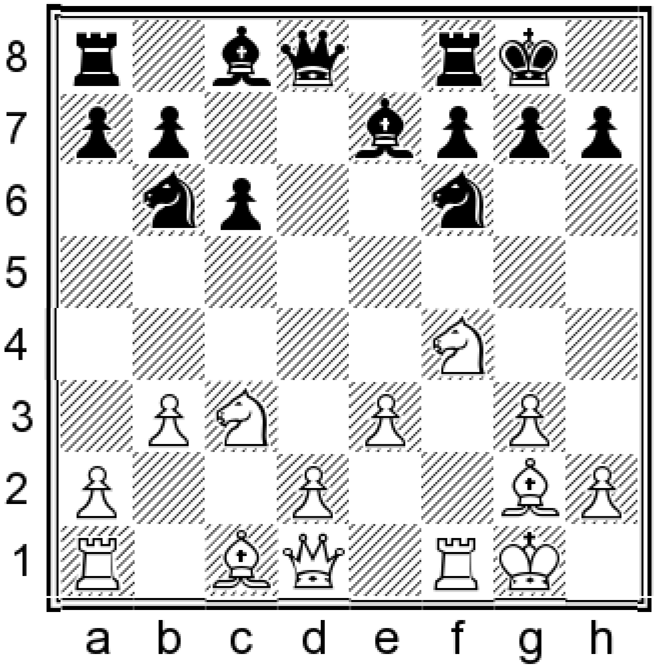


I recommend this logical approach for Black. White's knight is dragged to f4 so Black can offer to exchange it with ...♘e5–g6 or ...♘f6–d5. Simplification is well known to favour Black as White has a space advantage and mobile centre. For 10...a5 see the Li Chao – Karpatchev game.

11.♘f4 ♘e5

Black has another interesting option.

[In fact 11...♘f6!?



is my preference here as the advance d2-d4 is not coming with tempo and Black has time for ...♘bd5. Then:

A) 12.d4 ♘bd5!= followed by ♗f5 and White's pawns are blocked: 13.♕c2 (13.♘cd5 cd5!∓) 13...♘c3 14.♕c3 ♗f5∞;

B) 12.♗b2 ♗f5 13.d4 (13.h3 h6 14.g4 ♗h7∞) 13...♗b4 14.♕e2 ♖e8 15.♘h5 ♘h5 16.♖f5 g6 17.♖h5 gh5 18.♖f1 ♗c3 19.♗c3 ♕g5 20.e4 ♘d5 21.♗d2 ♕g6 22.♕d3 h6!∓]

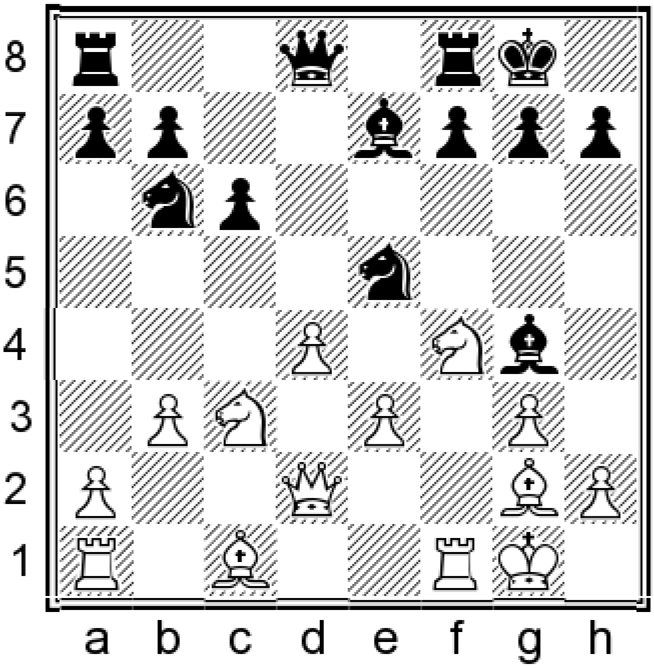
12.d4 ♗g4!

Compared to the Classical tabia, this move is now possible because, with the inclusion of the moves b3 and c6, the b7 pawn is no longer hanging.

[12...♘g6 13.♘d3±]

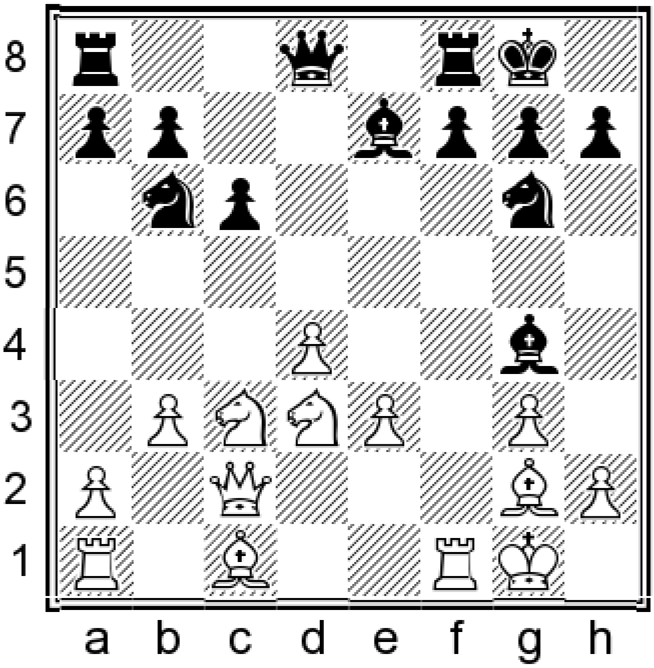
13.♕c2

[After 13.♕d2



13...♘g6 14.♘g6 hg6 15.e4 ♕d7 16.♗b2 ♖ad8 17.♘d1 ♗h3 18.♗h3 ♕h3 19.♕a5 ♘c8 20.♘f2 ♕h5 Black’s chances are not worse.]

13...♘g6 14.♘d3±



14...♕d7

[This is the best place for the queen but it was necessary to include first 14...♘d5! 15.♗d2 (15.h3 ♗e6) 15...♕d7 as now after 16.♘e4 Black has 16...b6!=]

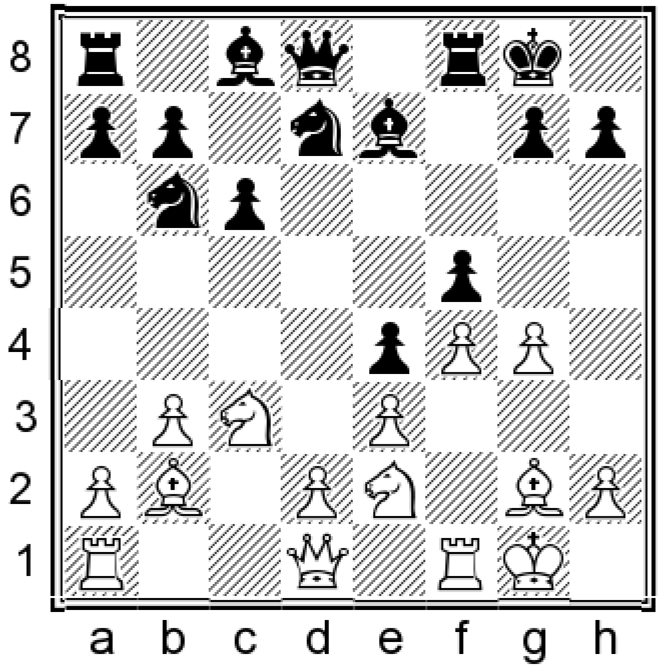
15.♘e4 ♖ad8 16.♗b2
[Too routine. More problems would be posed by 16.♘ec5 ♕c8 17.♘f2 as now Black cannot avoid the exchange of the light-squared bishop as if 17...♗h5 18.♗h3]

16...♘d5 17.♕d2 ♕c8
Ruan Lufei avoids weakening the c6 pawn. [Good enough was 17...b6 18.♖ac1 ♖fe8 19.♕f2 ♔h8! with a complicated position in which there are chances for both sides. I even slightly prefer Black as White's central pawns are vulnerable.]

18.♘df2 ♗e6 19.♖ac1 ♖fe8 20.♖fe1 f5 21.♘c5 ♗g5⇄ and Black has unpleasant pressure against e3. T. Kosintseva 2524 – Ruan Lufei 2492, Ankara 2012

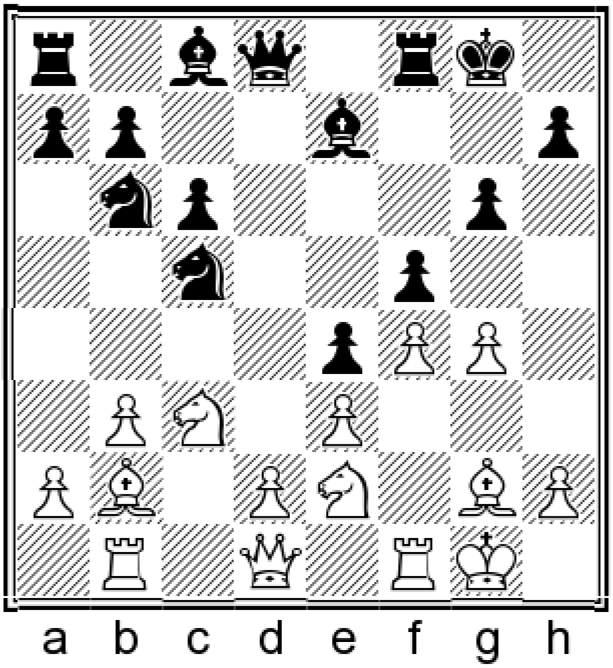
9.f4 ♘8d7 10.b3 a5

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♗g2 ♘b6 6.e3 ♗e7 7.♘ge2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.f4 ♘8d7 10.b3 a5
Black can do without this move.
[10...f5 11.♗b2 e4 12.g4



12...♘c5 (12...g6 13.gf5 gf5 14.♔h1 ♖f7 15.♖g1 ♔f8 16.♘d4 ♘c5 17.♕h5→)

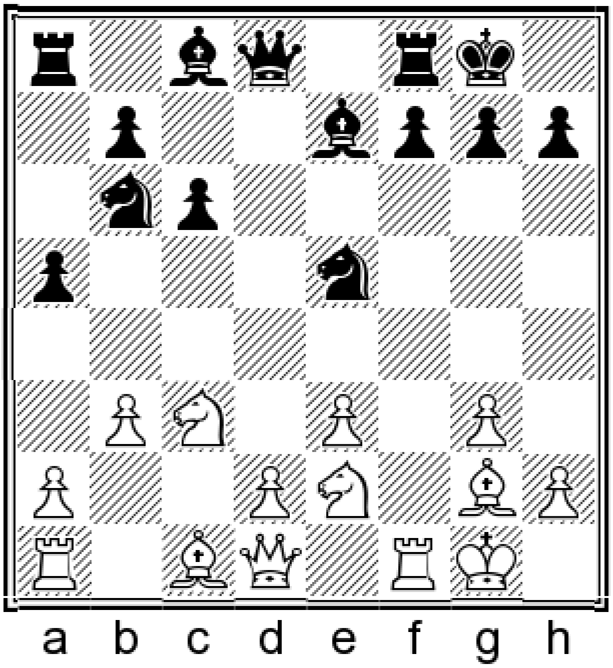
A) 13.♖b1 To save the queen's bishop from exchange;
A1) 13...♘d3 It seems that this direct attempt doesn't solve Black's problems. 14.♗a1 Giving Black one more chance to save the pawn. (14.gf5 ♘b2 15.♖b2 ♗f5 16.♘g3 and Black loses an important central pawn.) 14...g6 15.gf5 gf5 16.♘g3 ♘d5 17.♕h5 ♘c3 18.♗c3 ♕e8! 19.♕e8 ♖e8 20.♔h1 (20.♗h3 ♖f8 21.♔g2 ♖f7 22.♖g1 a5 23.♔f1 ♔f8 24.♘h5 a4 25.♗g7 ♔e8 26.♗c3 ♔f8 Without queens White's kingside pressure is not realistic.) 20...♗b4! Immediately eliminating White's last dangerous piece. 21.♗b4 ♘b4 22.♗h3 ♖f8 23.♖g1 ♔h8 24.♘h5 ♗d7 25.♖g7?? (A serious blunder. Instead White can play 25.♖g5 ♖f7 26.♘g3 ♖af8 27.♔g1 but the position seems pretty equal to me.) 25...♗e8 Suddently White is losing a piece. 26.♖g5 h6–+ Dvirnyy 2549 – Romanishin 2487, Forni di Sopra 2014;
A2) Instead I offer the logical novelty 13...g6!



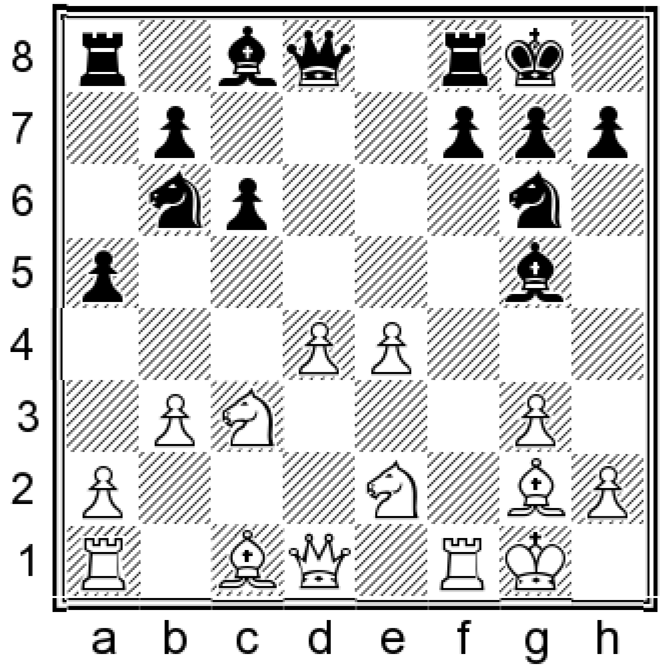
...as it was essential to keep the pawn structure intact. 14.♘g3 ♖f7 (14...♘d3 15.gf5 ♘b2 16.♖b2 gf5 is even better) 15.gf5 gf5 16.♕h5 ♕d6 17.♗h3 ♕g6 Black is fine as White’s kingside pressure has come to an end;

B) Best for White has to be the direct 13.gf5! ♘d3 (or 13...♗f5 14.♘g3±) 14.♖b1 (14.♗e4 ♘b2 15.♕c2 ♗a3 16.♘b1 ♘d3! 17.♘a3 ♗f5 18.♗f5 ♖f5 19.♘g3 ♖d5 20.♘c4 ♕h4±) 14...♘b2 15.♖b2 ♗f5 16.♘g3 Here Black has insufficient compensation and is losing an important central pawn.]

11.a4
An interesting alternative to the main line:
[11.fe5 ♘e5



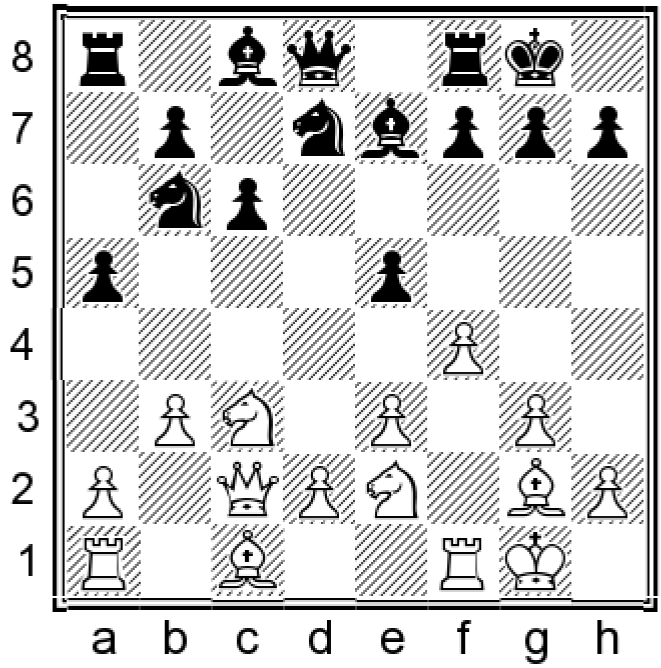
12.d4 ♘g6 13.e4 ♗g5 (13...a4 14.♖b1 ab3 15.ab3 ♗e6 16.♗e3 ♗g5 17.♘f4 ♖e8 18.♕e2 ♘f4 19.gf4 ♗e7 20.f5 ♗d7 21.e5 with good chances for a deadly kingside attack.) In this position White can try a number of ideas in an attempt to gain the initiative:



A) 14.♗a3 was played in a game but is probably not best. 14...♗e7 15.♗b2 a4 16.ba4 (16.♖b1 ab3 17.ab3 ♗g4∓) 16...♗g4 17.♗f3 (17.♖b1!?) 17...♗f3 18.♖f3 c5 19.♗a3 ♘c4 20.♗c5 ♗c5 21.dc5 ♘ge5!? (21...♘d2 22.♖f2 ♘e5 23.♘f4 ♕d4 24.♘fd5 ♕c5= Turov 2636 – Smirin 2632, Trieste 2012) 22.♖f5 ♕c8 Black can only be better here in view of White's numerous weaknesses;

B) 14.h4!? ♗c1 15.♖c1 ♗g4 16.♗f3 ♗f3 17.♖f3 ♕d7 18.♕d3 c5 19.♘b5 cd4 20.♖f5 ♖ac8 21.♖c8 ♘c8 22.♕d4 ♕d4 23.♘bd4 b6 24.♖d5±;

C) 14.♘f4 ♘f4 15.gf4 ♗e7 16.f5 a4 17.♖b1 ab3 18.ab3 ♖e8 19.♗e3± brings White only a minimal advantage. The main benefit of 11.a4 is that it avoids Black's queenside counterplay with ...a5-a4 which proved to be successful in the following game: 11.♕c2



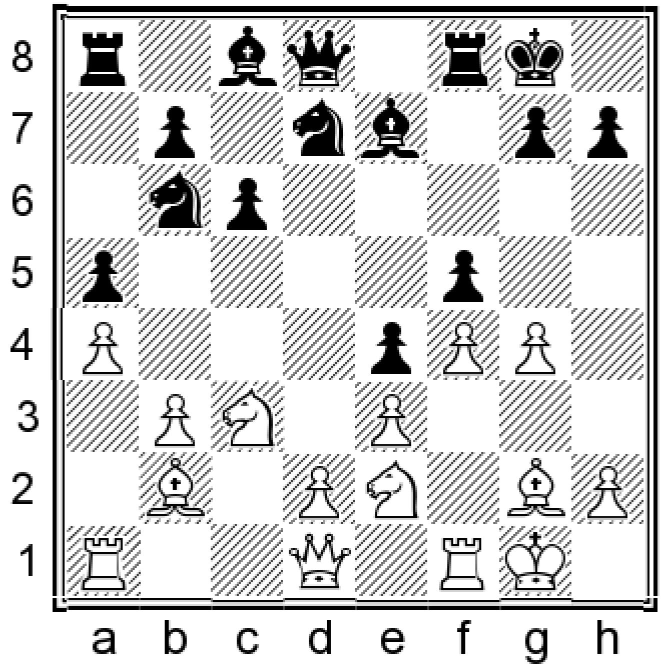
11...ef4 12.♘f4 ♘f6 13.♗b2 a4!? 14.ba4 ♘c4 15.♗c1 ♕a5 16.d4 ♘b6 17.♗d2 ♗b4 18.♘d3 ♗c3 19.♗c3 ♕a4 Charochkina 2343 – T. Kosintseva 2515, Russia (ch) 2013]

11...f5 12.♗b2 e4

Black fixes the hole on d3, next he will attempt to plant his knight there.

[12...♘c5!? 13.fe5 ♘d3 14.♕b1 ♘e5 15.♘d4 g6 16.♕c2∞]

13.g4!



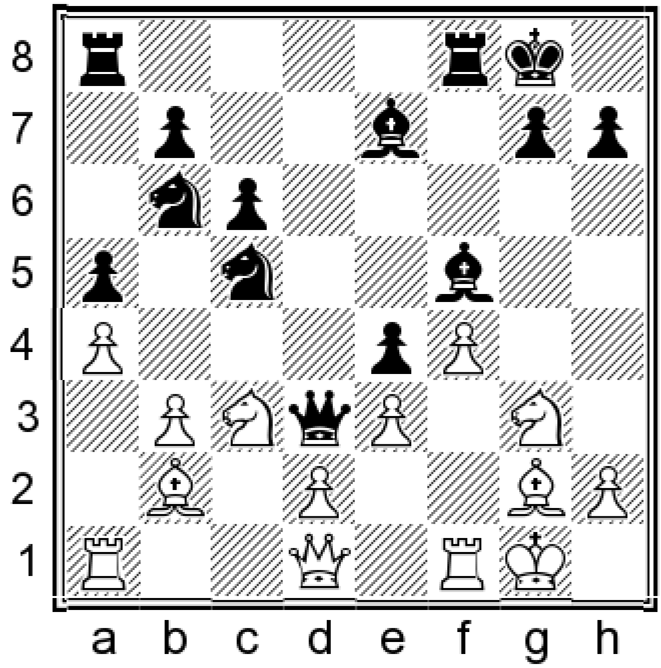
The only chance to avoid complete domination.

13...♘c5 14.gf5 ♗f5 15.♘g3

[15.♘d4 ♕d7 16.♘f5 ♕f5 17.♗a3 and Black averted the loss of a pawn by 17...♘d5! 18.♘e2 ♘b4]

15...♕d7?!

[Instead of just giving away his central pawn Black should play 15...♕d3!



16.♗a3 ♖ae8 17.♖c1 ♘d5 18.♘d5 (18.♗c5 ♗c5 19.♘ce4 ♗e4 20.♘e4 ♖e4 21.♗e4 ♕e4 22.♖c5 ♘e3!∓ and with this neat trick Black gains the upper hand.) 18...♕d5 19.d4 ♘d3 20.♗e7 ♖e7 21.♖c3 ♕e6 22.♘f5 ♕f5 23.♗e4 ♖e4 24.♖d3 ♖fe8 25.♕f3 c5 26.dc5 ♕c5 with full compensation for the pawn.]

16.♘ce4 ♘e4 17.♗e4 ♗e4 18.♘e4 ♖ad8 19.♕f3 and White is a healthy pawn up with the better position.

19...♘d5 20.f5 ♖f7 21.♕g2 ♘f6 22.♘g5 ♕d2 23.♘f7 ♔f7 24.♗d4 ♕g2 25.♔g2+–
Li Chao 2711 – Karpatchev 2442, Deizisau 2014.

B) Classical 6...♘c6 7.♘ge2

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♘c3 ♘b6 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♘ge2
Here we have a division:
B1) 7...♗e6 heading for opposite sides castling, where I prefer Black's chances in the ensuing complications. Therefore my recommendation is again the classical 8.d4, which brought White an opening advantage and a nice victory in Maletin – Yakovich, rather than surfing on turbulent waters after 8.0-0 ♕d7 9.f4 0-0-0 or 8.f4 f6! Fedoseev – Predke and Fridman – Bukavshin.

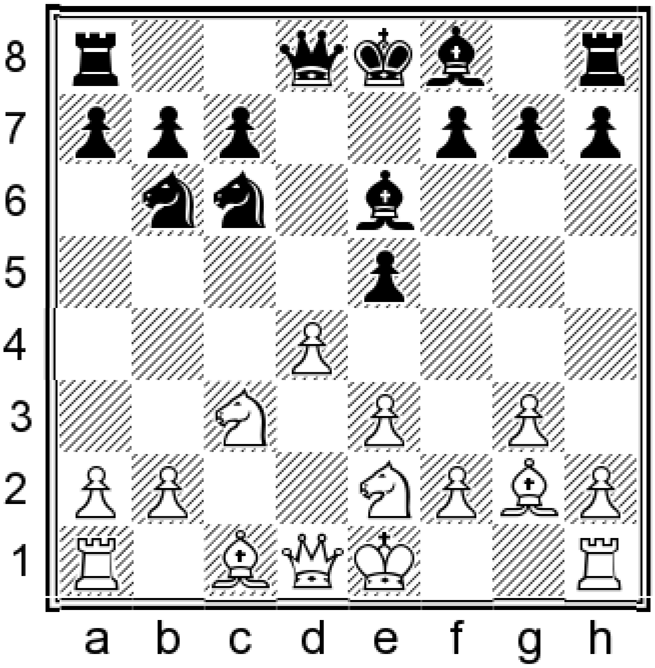
B2) Cheparinov's 7...♗f5 possibly equalizes for Black. I believe that best for White is 8.d4 and after the best 11...♗e7 (instead 11...♗e6 ?!) as played in Bocharov – Ponkratov, Black has fair chances of neutralizing White's opening initiative by patient defence.

B3) 7...♗e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 is the tabia of the classical setup.
Then 9...ef4, originating from the Apsenieks – Johner game mentioned above, is covered in the Bocharov – Rublevsky game, which left White with a strong pawn centre. With logical play White preserved the better chances with 12.♘d3! as played for example in Cmilyte – Kosteniuk.
Black best option is to preserve the central pawn with 9...f6!, not fearing White's kingside attack after 10.f5. In a game Jones – Edouard, we deal exactly with that type of strategy, as Black had a good game until White seized the initiative on the kingside.

B4) 7...♗d6 is a fresh idea, as compared to the B3 line the black bishop supports the central pawn. After 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 the right approach for Black was shown only in Khairulin – Frolyanov, 2014, 9...f6!, meeting White's kingside ambitions after 10.f5 with the idea of a bishop transfer to f7 with the better position for Black.

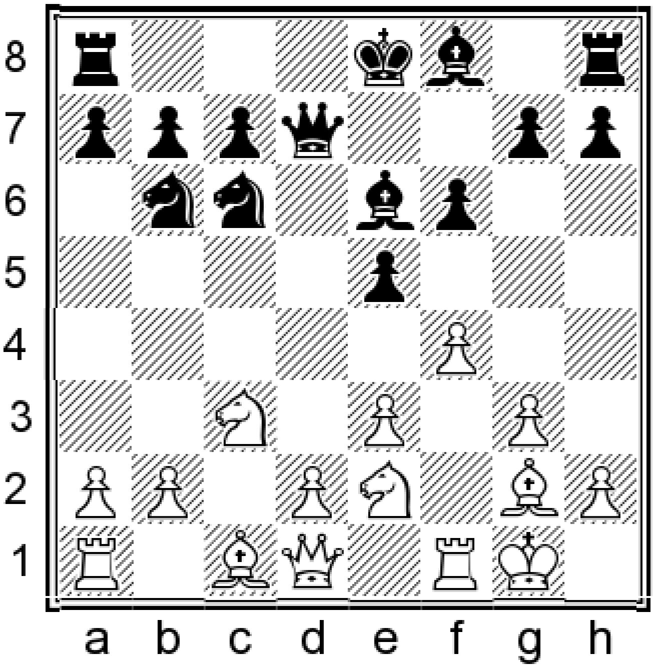
7...♗e6

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♘c3 ♘b6 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♘ge2 ♗e6 8.d4!?



The best White can hope for is a tiny or even temporary advantage but in my opinion after all other options Black has easy play.

[8.0-0 ♕d7 9.f4 (9.d4 0-0-0 10.♕c2 ♗h3⇄) 9...f6

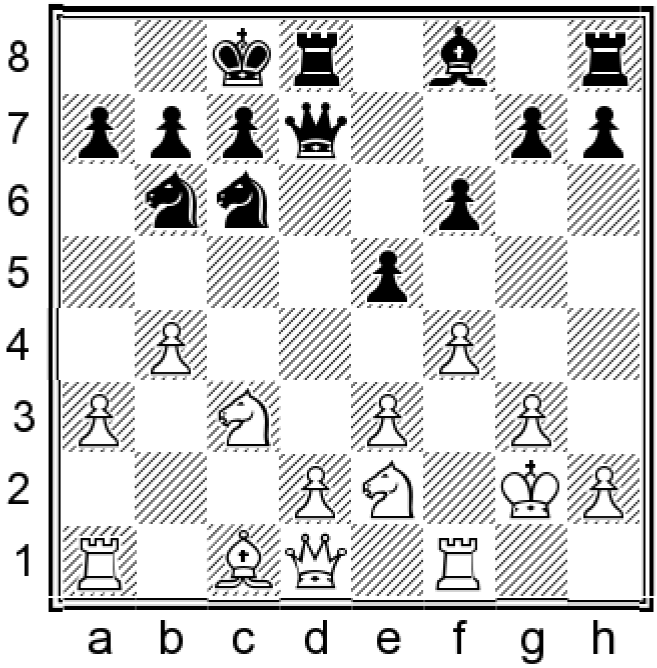


A) 10.a4 a6 11.a5 (11.d4 0-0-0) 11...♘d5 12.d4 0-0-0 was unsuccessful for White in Fedoseev – Predke.

A1) 13.fe5 fe5 14.♘d5 ♗d5 15.e4 ♗c4 16.d5 ♗c5 17.♔h1 ♘d4 18.♘d4 ♗d4 (18...♗f1? 19.♕f1) 19.♖e1 ♗b5 20.♕c2 h5 21.h3 (21.♗e3 h4∓) 21...h4 22.g4 ♖hf8 23.♗e3 ♗e3 24.♖e3 ♖f4 25.♖c3 ♖df8 26.♖c1 ♖8f7∓;

A2) 13.♘d5 ♗d5 14.♗d5 ♕d5 15.♘c3 (15.fe5 fe5 16.♘c3 ♕c4 17.♖a4 ♘b4∓) 15...♕c4 16.d5 (16.♖a4 ♘b4 17.fe5 fe5) 16...♘b4 17.e4 ♗c5 18.♔g2 ef4 19.♗f4 ♖he8 and Black is dominating, White's central pawns will soon fall and his king is in great danger Fedoseev 2548 – Predke 2461, Russia 2012;

B) 10.a3 ♗h3 (The exchange of the bishop is in Black's favour. It was possible to retain the tension with 10...0-0-0 11.b4 ♔b8 as the bishop may come to c4–d3.) 11.b4 ♗g2 12.♔g2 0-0-0



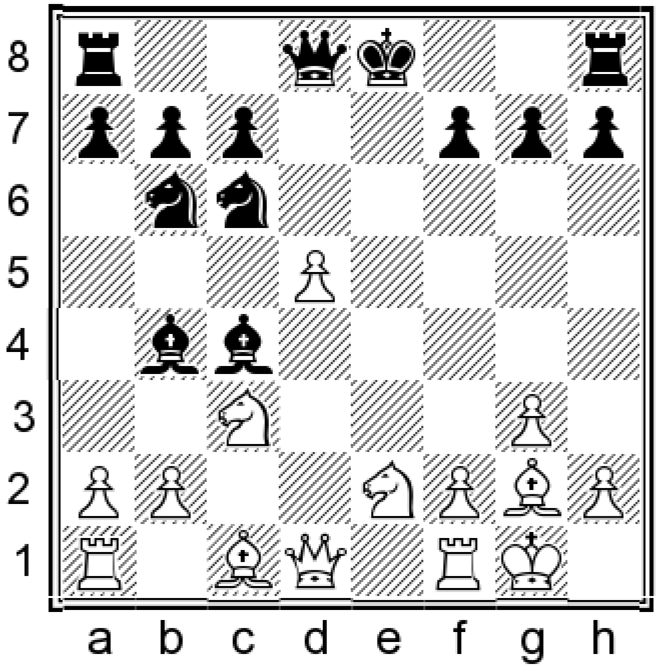
I think Black has better chances in this middlegame as the opponent’s king is vulnerable and White has yet to solve the issue of his backward pawn on d2. 13.♕c2 ♕d3?! (Instead Black had an interesting tactical possibility to simplify into a much better endgame with 13...♘d4 (also 13...h5 14.h3 ♘d4) 14.ed4 ed4 15.♕d3 dc3 16.♕d7 ♖d7 17.dc3 ♘c4∓) 14.♕d3 ♖d3 15.fe5 fe5 16.♘e4 a5 17.b5 ♘d8 18.♘g1 ♖b3 19.a4 ♗b4= Although it seems Black is pressing in this endgame, in reality White’s chances are definitely not worse as he has an excellent outpost on e4 for his knight and control of the open f-file. Fridman 2667 – Bukavshin 2510, Warsaw (rapid) 2012 – 116/(9)]

8...ed4 9.ed4 ♗b4

[9...♗c4 10.0-0 ♗d6 11.b3 ♗a6 12.♖e1 0-0 13.♘f4±; 9...♘d5 10.0-0 ♗e7 11.♘f4 ♘f4 12.♗f4 ♘d4 13.♗e5!±]

10.0-0 ♗c4 11.♖e1

[11.d5!?N



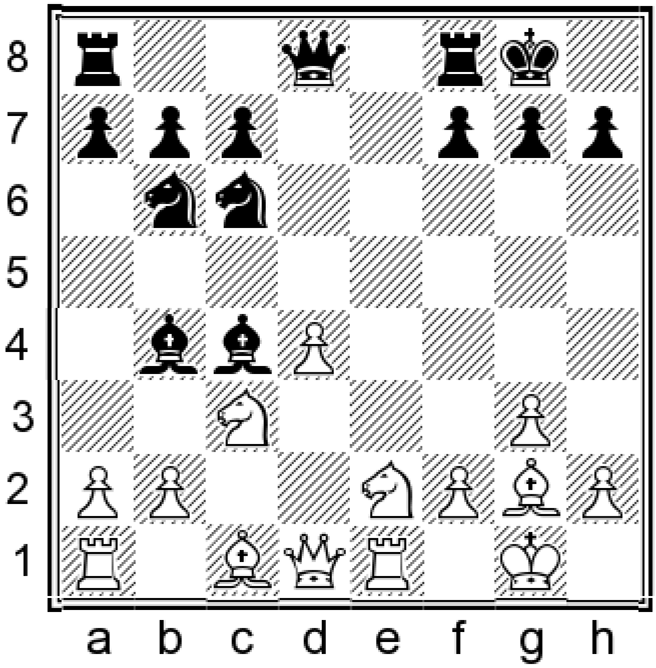
...should be tested.

A) 11...♘e7 12.♖e1 0-0 13.a3 ♗c3 14.♘c3 ♘ed5 15.♘e4 c6 16.b3 ♗a6 17.♗b2;

B) 11...♗c3 12.dc6 ♕d1 13.♖d1 ♗e2 14.cb7 ♖b8 15.♗c6 ♔e7 (15...♔f8 16.bc3 ♗d1 17.♗a3 ♔g8 18.♖d1+–) 16.bc3 ♗d1 17.♗a3 ♔f6 18.♖d1;

C) 11...♘e5! 12.♕d4 (12.♗f4 ♗c3 13.♘c3 ♗f1 14.♔f1=∞) 12...♕e7 13.♗f4 f6 14.♖fd1 0-0 15.b3 ♗a6 16.♗e3 ♖fe8 17.♘f4 (17.♖ac1 ♖ad8) 17...♘g4 18.♗h3 ♘e5 19.♔h1 with a complicated position with roughly equal chances.]

11...0-0

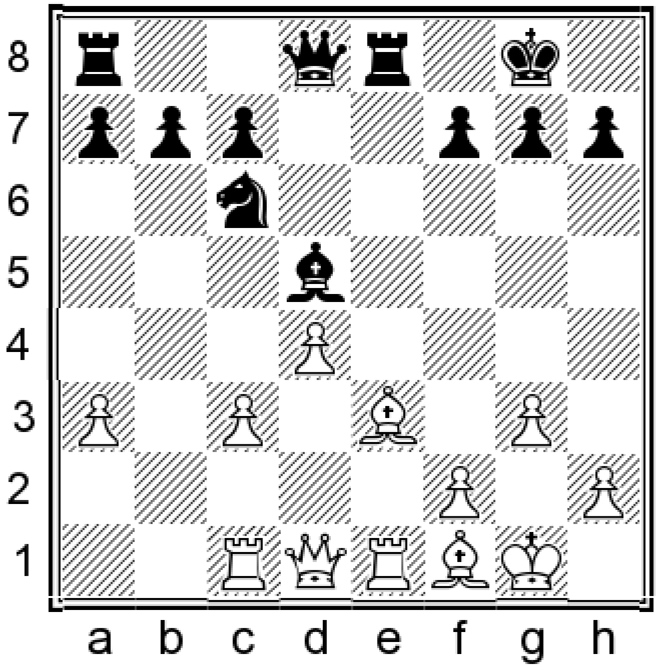


12.♗e3
[A slight improvement here is 12.a3!?N 12...♗c3 (12...♗e7 13.b3) 13.♘c3 (13.bc3!? ♖e8 14.♘f4±) 13...♕d4 14.♕h5 (14.♗f4 ♕d1 15.♖ad1 ♖ac8 16.♘e4=∞) 14...♖fe8 15.♗e3 ♕f6 16.♗f4=∞ White has more than sufficient compensation for the pawn thanks to his pair of active bishops.]

12...♘d5 13.♖c1
[13.a3 ♗a5 14.b4 ♗b6]

13...♖e8 14.a3 ♗c3
[14...♗a5 should be preferred here; 14...♖e3 15.♗d5 ♖e2 16.♘e2 ♗e1 17.♗c4 ♗a5 18.♕b3 ♕f6 19.♕b7 ♖b8 20.♕a6 ♗b6 21.♗f7 ♔h8 22.♗h5 g6 23.♗g4 ♘d4 24.♘d4 ♕d4 25.♕e2 ♖f8±]

15.♘c3 ♘c3 16.bc3 ♗d5 17.♗f1!±



Black underestimated this move. With his bishop-pair and mobile central pawns White has the more easy play.

17...♕f6 18.♕h5 ♗f3
[18...♕f3 19.♕f3 ♗f3 20.♗f4 ♘a5 21.♖b1 c6 22.c4±]

19.♕h3
[19.♕b5 a6 20.♕b7 ♘d4 21.♗d4 ♗b7 22.♗f6 gf6 23.f4±; 19.♕c5 b6; 19.♕g5 ♕g5 20.♗g5 ♘a5 21.♖b1 c6 22.c4±]

19...♖e7 20.g4!
White is significantly improving the coordination between his pieces.

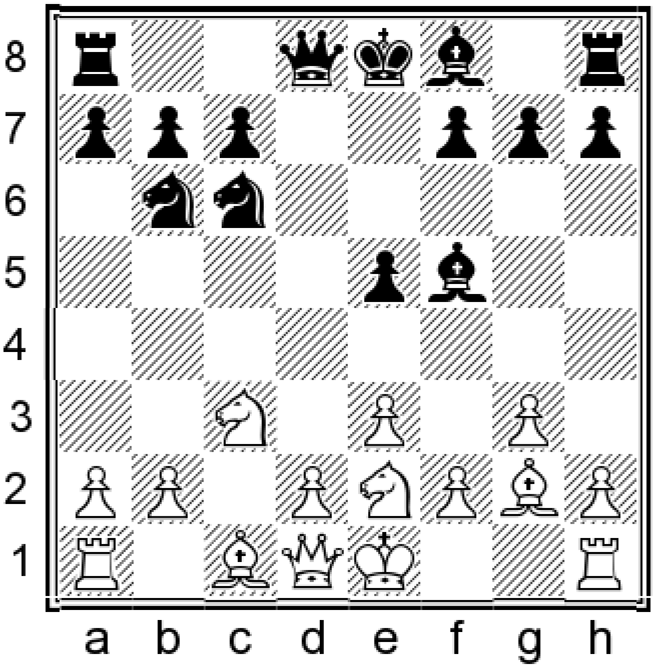
20...♗e4 21.♕g3 ♖ae8 22.♗f4 ♗d5 23.♖e7 ♕e7 24.c4 ♗e4 25.♖d1?!
This is the only move which I don’t like as it suddenly gives Black a chance.
[25.♖e1 ♕d7 26.f3 ♗g6 27.d5±]

25...♕f6? But this is a losing move.
[25...g5 26.♗c7 ♕f6⇄]

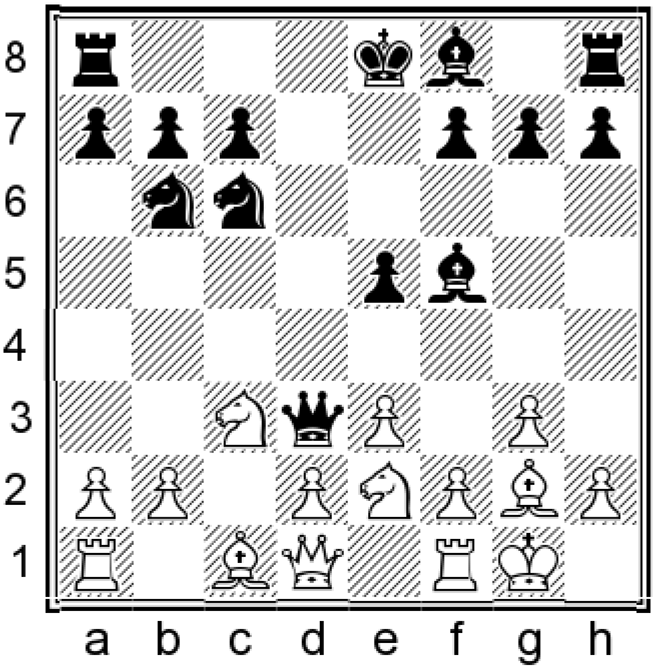
26.g5 ♕g6 27.d5 ♘e7 28.f3 ♘f5 29.♕f2 ♕h5 30.♖e1 ♘h4 31.♖e4
A very nice game by Maletin who showed the great potential of the bishop-pair.
Maletin 2587 – Yakovich 2525, Russia 2012.

7...♗f5

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♗g2 ♘b6 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♘ge2 ♗f5



8.d4 Now this is the best move for White in order to make a direct challenge in the centre.
[If 8.0-0 ♕d3



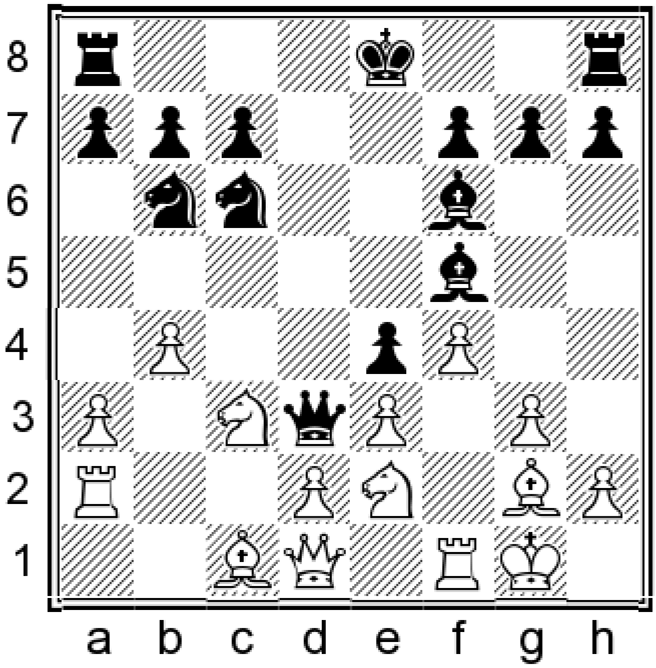
...when Black’s idea is 9.f4 e4!

A) 10.g4 ♗g4 11.♗e4 ♕d7∓;

B) 10.a4 a5∓;

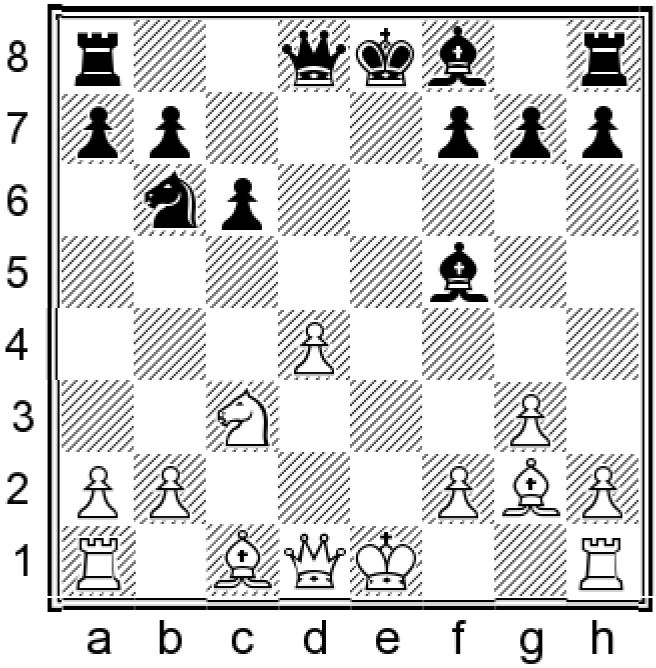
C) 10.♕b3 ♗e7 (10...a6!?∓ preventing White’s next idea was a strong option.) 11.♕b5 (11.♘b5 0-0-0 12.♘ed4 ♖d4 13.♘d4 ♘d4 14.♕d3 ed3 15.ed4 ♗f6 16.d5 ♖e8 17.♖b1 ♗g4⇄) 11...♕b5 12.♘b5 0-0-0 13.♘bc3 ♘c4 14.♘e4 ♗e4 15.♗e4 ♘d2 16.♗d2 ♖d2∓;

D) 10.a3 ♗e7 (10...h5 11.b4 0-0-0 12.♖a2 h4 13.♕c2 h3 14.♗h1 g6∓) 11.b4 ♗f6 12.♖a2



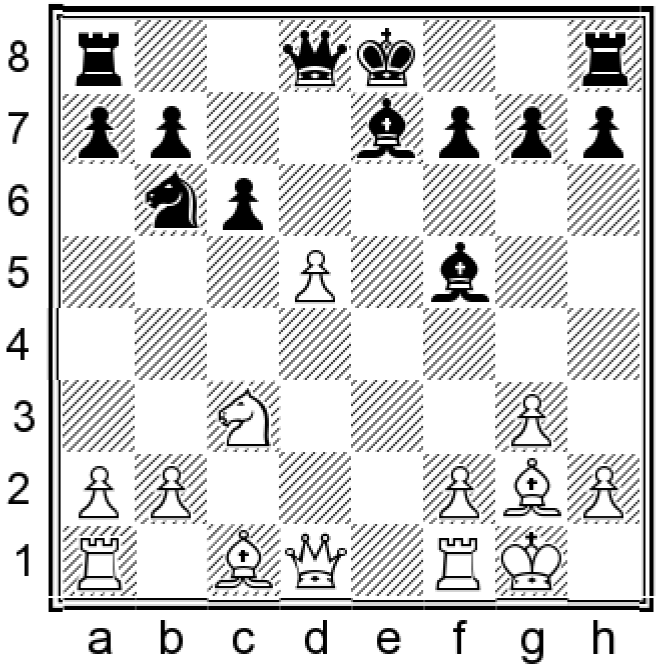
12...0-0-0 13.♕c2 ♖he8 14.h3 h5 15.♔h2 g6∓ Nakamura 2760 – Fressinet 2700, Beijing (rapid) 2012 – 116/(9)]

8...ed4 9.♘d4 ♘d4 10.ed4 c6



11.0-0 ♗e7
[11...♗e6?! 12.d5!↑ cd5 13.a4! d4 14.♘b5 ♗c5 15.♕h5±]

12.d5



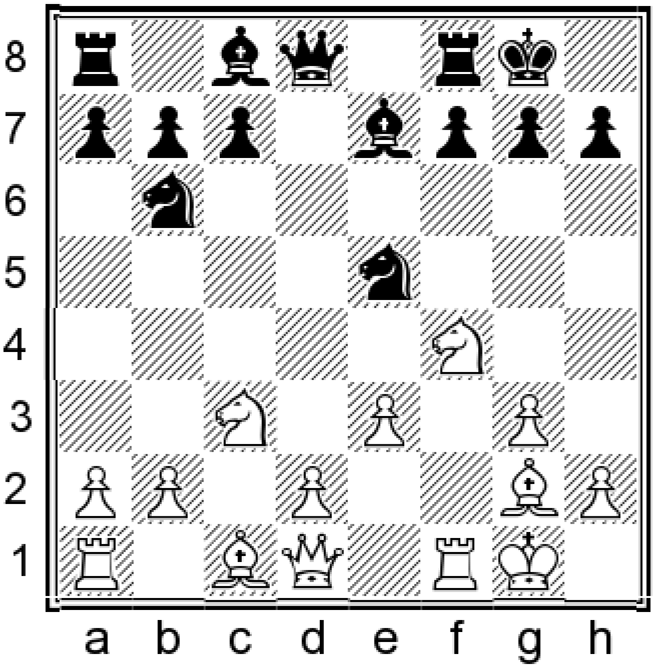
12...♘d5 13.♘d5 cd5 14.♗d5 0-0 15.♕b3 Another idea for White is to take a different route for his queen.
[15.♗e3 ♕a5 16.♕f3!? ♖ad8 17.♖fd1 ♗g6 18.h4 h5 19.♖ac1 b6 20.♖c6↑]

15...♕a5 16.♗e3
[16.♗f4 ♖ad8 17.♖fd1 ♖d7=]

16...♖ad8 17.♖fd1 b6 18.♖ac1 ♖d7 19.♗c4 ♖d1 20.♖d1 ♗g4 21.♖d4 ♗h3 22.♗f1 ♗e6 23.♕a4 ♗c5 24.♕a5 ba5 25.♖e4 ♗e3 26.♖e3 ♖d8=
Bocharov 2602 – Ponkratov 2603, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 2013

7...♗e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 ef4

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♘c3 ♘b6 6.e3 ♗e7 7.♘ge2 0-0 8.0-0 ♘c6 9.f4 ef4 10.♘f4 ♘e5



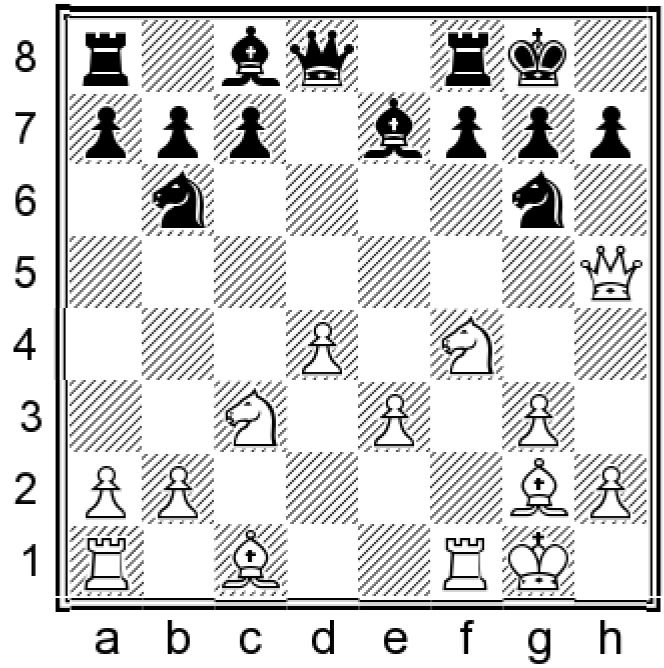
Black deliberately took on f4 in order to put a knight on the e5 square. Let’s see how the game continues from here.

11.d4 ♘g6 12.e4?!
This move leads to the complete immobilization of White’s central pawns.
[In my opinion it would be far better to retain the flexibility of his pawn structure with 12.♘d3!? ...at the same time preserving the knight. Then 12...c6

A) 13.h4 ♗d6 14.♘e4 ♗c7! (14...f5 15.♘d6 ♕d6 16.♕e1 ♗e6 17.b3 ♗d5 18.♗h3 ♘e7 19.♘c5) 15.♕h5 f6=;

B) 13.b3 ♗e6 (13...♘d7 14.e4 ♘f6 15.♘f2 ♗e6 16.♗e3) 14.♗b2 ♕c8 (14...f5 15.♘c5 ♗c5 16.dc5 ♘d7 17.♕d6 ♕e7± 18.♕e7 ♘e7 19.e4 ♖ae8 20.♖ae1± Bocharov 2620 – Rublevsky 2688, Novosibirsk 2012) 15.♘f4?! A huge strategical error. Instead White has many good options. (15.♘c5 ♗g4 16.♕d2 ♖b8 17.♖ac1↑; or the tricky 15.e4!? ♗h3?? 16.♗h3 ♕h3 17.♖f5+–) 15...♘f4 16.gf4 f5!∓ (16...♗h3 17.e4 ♖d8 18.f5 ♗g2 19.♔g2 ♗f6 20.♘e2 c5 21.♖c1 ♕c6 22.♘g3 ♗d4 23.♗d4 ♖d4 24.♕d4 cd4 25.♖c6 bc6∓ Cmilyte 2524 – Kosteniuk 2501 Beijing (blitz) 2012);

There is also 12.♕h5

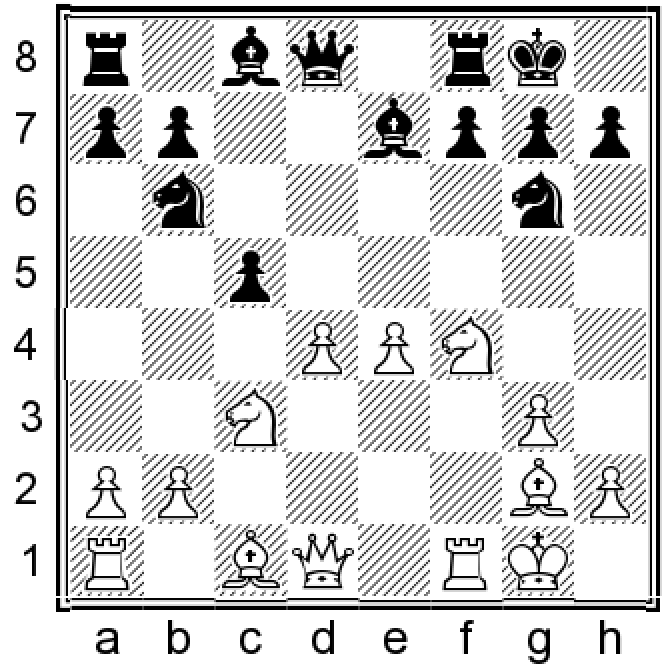


12...♘f4 13.♖f4 c6 14.♗d2 ♘c4 15.♕e2 ♘d2 16.♕d2 ♗e6 and already Black had the better chances in Maletin 2567 – Rublevsky 2688, Novosibirsk (rapid) 2012 – 116/(9);

12.♘fd5 ♘d5 13.♘d5 ♗d6 14.e4 c6 15.♘e3 ♗c7 16.♘f5 ♗b6 17.♗e3 ♗e6 18.♔h1 ♘e7 19.g4 ♕d7 20.♕f3 f6=;

Finally, there is 12.a4 a5 13.e4 ♘f4 14.♗f4 c6∞; or 12.b3 ♘f4 13.♖f4 c6=]

12...c5!

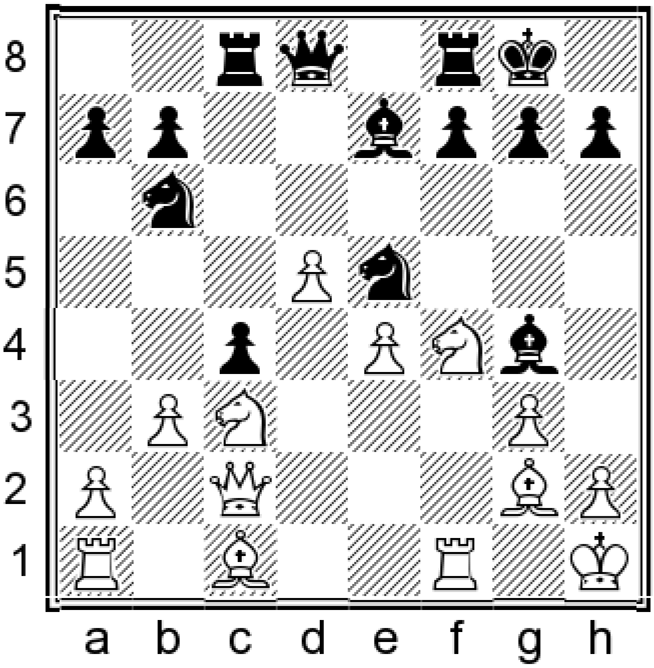


The key move to gain counterplay.

13.d5

[13.♘g6 gives Black the option of g6–g5. 13...hg6 14.d5 ♘c4 15.♕e2 (15.b3 ♘e5 16.♗f4 ♗f6 17.♖c1 b6 18.♕e2 g5⇄) 15...♘e5 16.♗f4 ♗f6 (16...♗d6 17.♘b5 Fridman 2667 – Berzina 2292, Tallinn (rapid) 2013 – 116/(9), also leads to an interesting position) 17.♔h1 g5 18.♗e3 ♗g4 19.♕c2 b6⇄]

13...♘e5 14.♔h1 ♗g4 15.♕c2 ♖c8 16.b3 c4⇄



17.♗b2
[17.♗e3 ♗c5∞]

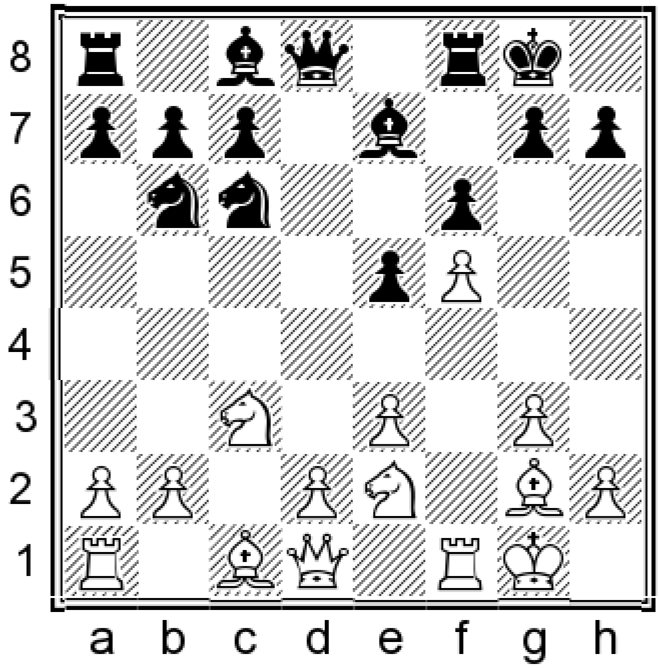
17...♗d7 18.♖ad1 ♗d6 19.♕d2 ♖e8 20.♘ce2 ♕e7 21.♗d4 ♗c5 22.♗a1 ♗b4
[22...♘g4 23.♕c3 ♕g5→]

23.♕d4 ♕c5 24.h3 c3 25.♕c5 ♖c5 26.♖c1 [26.a4!=]

26...♗b5 27.a3 ♗a3 28.♖c3 ♘bd7 29.♖b1 a5 30.♘d4 ♗a6 31.♘f5 g6 32.♘d4 ♖ec8 33.♖c5 ♖c5 34.♗f1 ♗f1 35.♖f1 ♖c1 36.♖c1 ♗c1 37.♗c3 ♘c5 38.♘de2 ♗f4 39.gf4 ♘ed7 40.♗a5 ♘e4 41.♔g2 f5 42.♗d8 ♔f7∓ and Black won. Bocharov 2620 – Rublevsky 2688, Novosibirsk (rapid) 2012 – 116/9

7...♗e7 8 0-0 0-0 9 f4 f6

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♗g2 ♘b6 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♘ge2 ♗e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 f6 10.f5

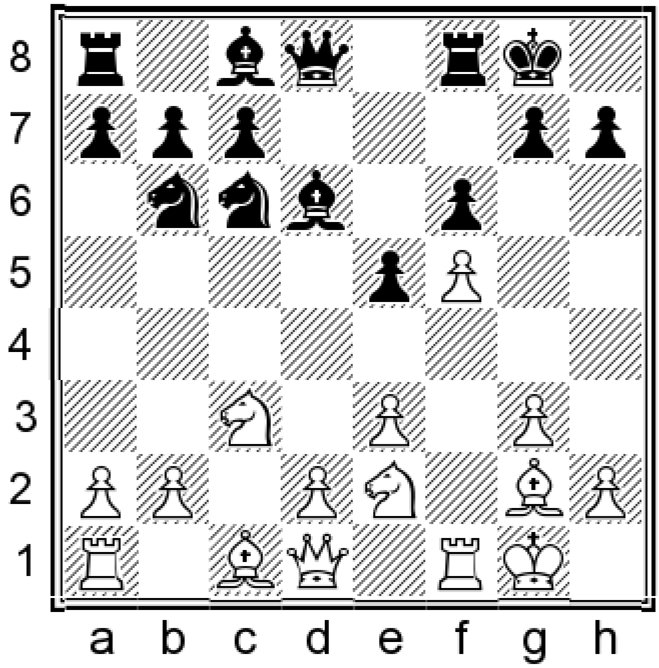


A principled move with which White announces his intention to undertake a kingside attack, for which the e4 square can be used as a staging post. In my opinion Black can solve his problems by quickly activating his restricted bishop on c8 by moving it via d7 and e8 to f7.

[Another possible idea is 10.d4 ed4 (10...♗g4 11.h3 ♗h5 12.g4 ♗f7 with unclear consequences.) 11.ed4 (11.♘d4 ♘d4 12.ed4 c6 13.♕b3 ♔h8 14.♗e3 ♖e8 15.♗f2 ♗f8 16.♖fe1 ♗d7=) 11...♗g4 12.h3 ♗h5 13.d5?! ♗c5 14.♔h2 ♘d4 15.♕d3 ♘e2 16.♘e2 ♖e8 (16...c6∓) 17.♘c3 ♗g6 18.f5 ♗f7 19.♗f4 ♗d6 20.♘e2 ♗e5 21.♖ad1 ♗b2 22.♕c2 ♗e5 23.♗e5 ♖e5 24.♘f4 ♕d6 25.♘e6 ♘d5–+ Edouard 2664 – Bacrot 2705, Villandry (rapid) 2012]

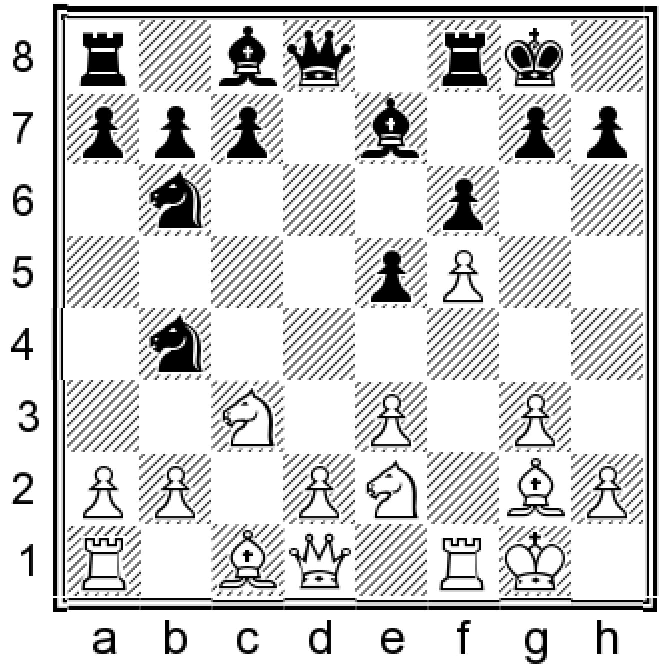
10...a5 Initiating queenside counterplay.

[10...♗d6



11.♘e4 ♘e7 12.g4 c6 13.♘d6 ♕d6 14.d4±;

10...♘b4

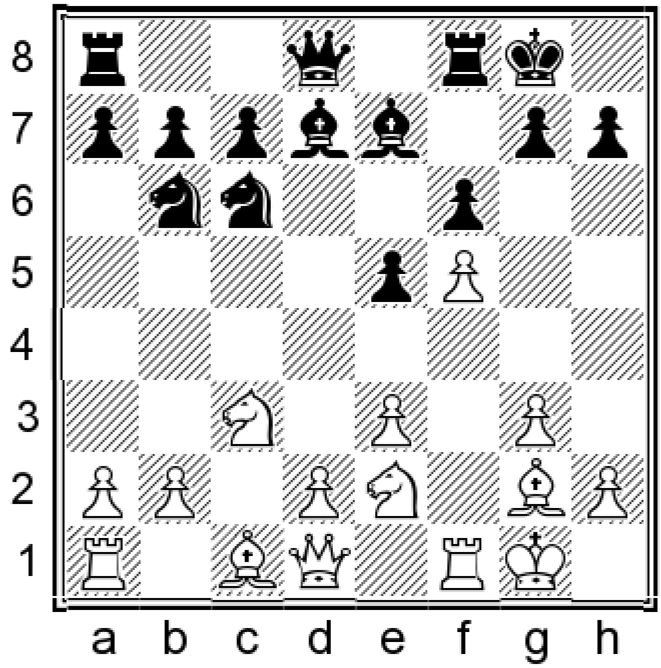


11.d4

A) White’s thrust of the d-pawn does not change much if Black retains the tension with 11...c6 12.g4 ♔h8 13.a3 ♘4d5 14.♘e4 ed4 (14...♗d7!? 15.♘c5±) 15.ed4 ♘c4 16.♖f3 (16.♕d3 ♘d6 17.♘4c3 ♘c3 18.bc3∞) 16...♘d6 17.♖h3 (17.♘4c3) 17...♖e8 Now, instead of the game continuation 18.♘c5 Tadic 2525 – T. Paunovic 2333, Serbia 2012, White can play for a direct attack with 18.♕e1→; but really 18.♘4c3! is essential to exchange Black’s most important piece – his knight on d5;

B) 11...ed4 12.ed4 c6 13.g4 ♗d6 14.♘e4 ♘4d5 15.♔h1 (He could eliminate a bishop by 15.♘d6 ♕d6 16.♘g3 ♗d7 17.♘e4 ♕c7 18.♕d3 ♗e8 19.g5↑ when White exerts pressure on the dark squares, in particular the f6 pawn) 15...♗c7 16.♕d3 ♖e8 17.g5 (17.♗d2) 17...♕e7 18.♗d2 ♕f7 (18...fg5 19.♗g5 ♕f7 20.f6 g6 21.♖ae1 ♗g4∞) 19.♘2g3 ♗d7 20.g6 ♕f8;
B1) 21.♘h5?! hg6 22.fg6 ♗g4 (22...♖e7 23.♕b3) 23.♘hg3↑;
B2) 21.♘c5±;

10...♗d7



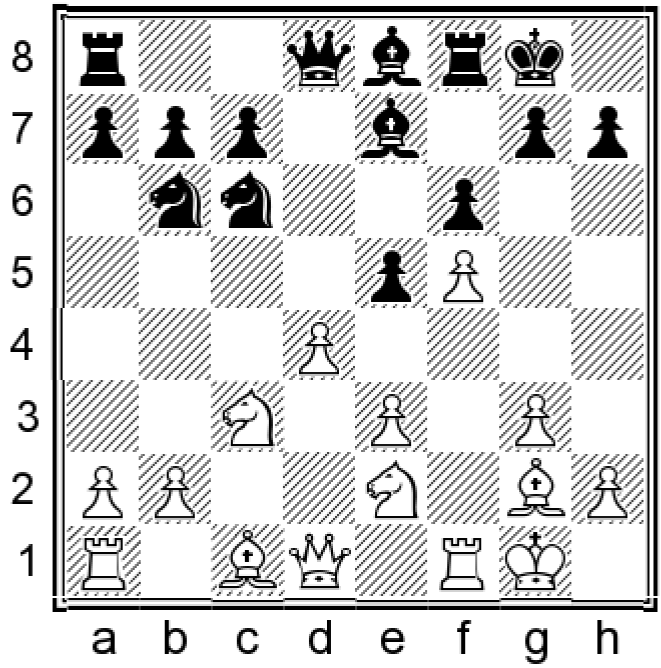
11.d4

A) 11...♗d6 12.g4 ♕e7 13.♘e4 ♘d8?! (13...♗e8!?) 14.♘d6 cd6 15.a4 ♗c6 16.d5 ♗e8 17.e4 ♖c8 18.h4 ♕c7 19.b3 ♕c2 20.♗e3 with a strategically won position for White in Berkes 2706 – Ruck 2579, Hungary 2012;

B) 11...ed4 12.ed4 ♗d6 (12...♗e8 13.d5 ♘e5 14.♘f4 Shoker 2466 – Rydstrom 2198, Reykjavik 2014) 13.♘e4 ♗e8 14.d5! (14.♘d6 Ipatov 2588 – Nepomniachtchi 2710, Legnica 2013 – 118/(10)) 14...♘e7 15.♘d4±;

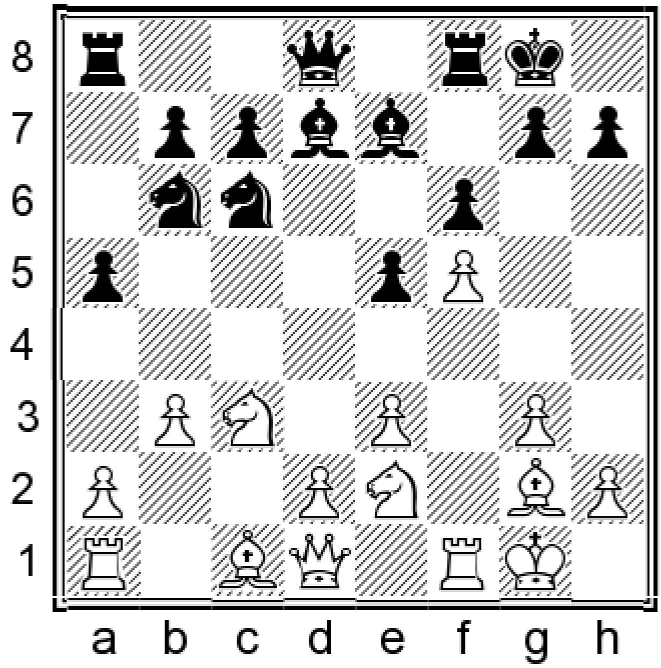
C) 11...♕c8 12.g4 ♖d8 13.♕e1 (13.d5 ♗e8 14.e4 ♘b4 15.a3 ♘a6 16.♕e1 c6) 13...♗e8 14.♘e4 ♘b4 15.g5 ♘c2 16.♕g3;

D) it might be interesting to test a new idea... 11...♗e8!N



12.d5 (12.de5 fe5 13.♘d5 ♘d5 14.♗d5 ♔h8 15.g4 ♘b4 16.♗b7 ♖b8 17.♗e4 ♗b5; 12.g4 ♗f7 13.b3 ♕d7 14.♗b2 ♖ad8 15.♘e4 ed4 16.ed4 ♘d5∓) 12...♘a5 13.♕d3 c6 14.♖d1 cd5 15.♘d5 ♘d5 16.♗d5 ♔h8∞]

11.b3 ♗d7



The f5 pawn severely restricts the activity of the bishop on d7, while the other bishop on e7 is cramped by his own pawn on f6. 11...a4 12.♘a4 ♘a4 13.ba4 ♔h8 14.d4±; 11...♗c5 12.♗e4 ♘d4 13.♗b2 ♘e2 14.♕e2 c6 15.♖ad1 ♖e8 16.g4→]

12.d4 White occupies the centre, activating his bishop on b2.
[12.g4 ♗e8 13.♗b2 ♗f7∞]

12...♕c8
Black defends the b7 pawn so he can take on e5 with the knight. But his queen is wandering too far from the kingside, which gives Gawain a free hand to develop a rapid attack.
[It was not too late for 12...♗e8 13.de5 fe5 14.♘d5 ♗h5⇄ (14...♗g5 15.♘ec3)]

13.g4 ♖d8 14.♕e1 ♗e8 15.♘e4!?
[15.g5 fg5 16.♗c6 ♗c6 17.de5 ♗c5 18.♕g3 h6 19.h4 gh4 20.♕h4 ♖d3 21.♕g3 ♕d7∞]

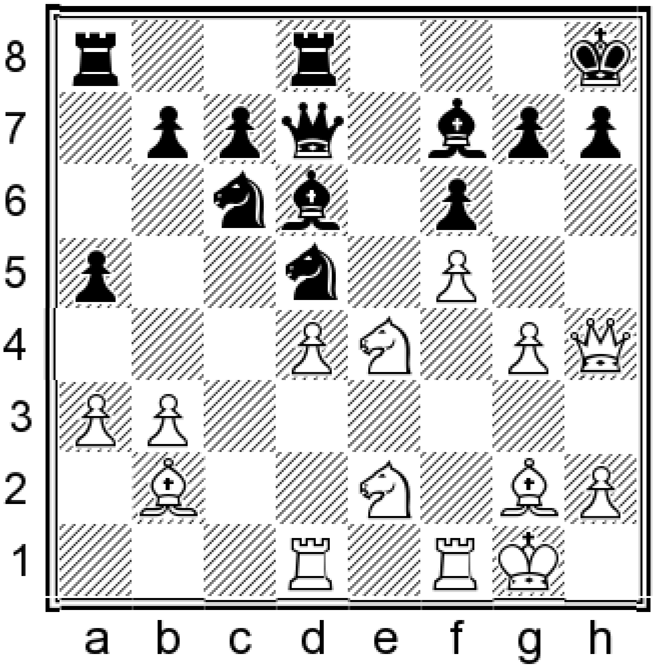
15...♘d5
[Taking the pawn is too risky: 15...ed4 16.♘d4 ♘d4 17.ed4 ♖d4 18.♗b2 ♖d8 19.g5→; 15...a4 16.g5 fg5 17.de5 ♘e5 18.♕g3 ♗f6 19.♘f6 gf6 20.♗b2 ♘bd7 21.♗d5 ♔h8 22.♗e6 ♖a5 23.b4 ♖b5 24.a3±]

16.♕g3
[16.a3!? ♗f7⇄]

16...ed4 17.ed4 ♕d7 18.♗b2 ♔h8
[This approach is too passive. It was time to seize the initiative with 18...a4! and if 19.g5 fg5 20.♘g5 ♗g5 21.♕g5 ♕e7 22.f6 ♕e3∓ (22...♘f6 23.♖ae1∞)]

19.a3! ♗f7
[Now White can meet 19...a4 with 20.b4!]

20.♖ad1 ♗d6 21.♕h4



21...♕e7 22.♖d3!
[22.g5 was promising for White, although Black can defend with 22...fg5 23.♘g5 h6 24.♘f7 ♕f7 25.♗d5 ♕d5 26.f6 ♖d7]

22...♗a3?
[Leading to a disaster. I don’t believe Black has sufficient defensive resources after 22...♗g8 23.♖h3! ♖e8 (23...h6 24.♗c1) 24.g5 fg5 25.♘g5;
but 22...g5! was called for: 23.♕h6 (23.fg6 ♗g6 24.♖h3 ♗e4 25.♗e4 ♕e4 26.♘c3 ♘c3 27.♕f6 ♔g8 28.♕f7 ♔h8 29.♕f6 with a perpetual) 23...♕f8! 24.♕f8 ♖f8 25.♘d6 cd6 26.♘g3 ♘f4=]

23.♗a3 ♕a3 24.g5 ♕e7 25.♘f4?
[25.♖h3 ♗g8 26.gf6 gf6 27.♘4c3 ♘c3 28.♘f4! ♘e2 29.♘e2 ♕f7 30.♗c6 bc6 31.♖g3+– Black has no defence against ♘f4–g6 (or 31.♘f4 ♖d4 32.♘g6 ♕g6 33.fg6 ♖h4 34.♖h4 ♔g7 35.gh7 ♗h7 36.♖hf4±)]

25...♘f4 26.♖f4 ♘d4?
[26...♗g8! 27.gf6 gf6 28.♕f6 ♕f6 29.♘f6 ♖d6 30.♘g8 ♔g8 31.♔f2 ♖f8=]

27.gf6 gf6 28.♘f6 ♘e2 29.♔f1? [29.♔f2+–]

29...♗c4?? The final mistake.
[29...♗g8 30.♖d8 ♖d8 31.♖e4 ♕c5 32.♔e2 ♕c2 33.♔f3 ♖d3 34.♖e3 ♖e3 35.♔e3 ♕g2 36.♘g8 ♕g8 37.♕d4 ♕g7=]

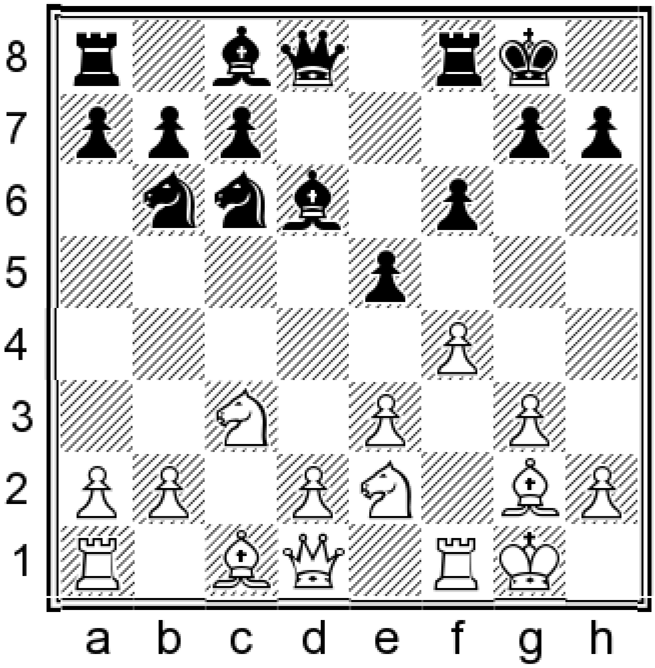
30.♖d8 ♖d8 31.♖c4 ♖d1 32.♔f2 ♖d2 33.♕h7
[33.♗e4+– is the most easy win.]

33...♕h7 34.♘h7 ♘f4
[34...♘d4 35.♔e3 ♖g2 36.♔d4 ♖g4 37.♔e5 ♖c4 38.bc4 ♔h7 39.f6 a4 40.♔e6 a3 41.f7 a2 42.f8=♕ a1=♕±]

35.♔e3 ♖g2 36.♘f6 ♔g7 37.♘e8 ♔f7 38.♘c7 ♘h5 39.♘d5 b5 40.♖c7 ♔f8 41.♖c5 b4 42.♖a5 ♖h2 43.♖a8 ♔g7 44.♖a7 ♔h6 45.♔d4 ♔g5 46.♖f7 ♖c2 47.♖f8 ♖c1 48.f6 ♖f1 49.♔c5 ♖f5 50.♔c4 ♘f4 51.♖g8 ♔h6 52.♘f4 ♖f4 53.♔c5 ♔h7 54.♖g7 ♔h6 55.♖b7 ♔g6 56.f7 ♔g5 57.♖b4 ♖f7 58.♖e4 ♔f5 59.♖e8 and White won. Jones 2661 – Edouard 2659, London (m/1) 2014.

7...♗d6

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.♘c3 ♘b6 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♘ge2 ♗d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 f6!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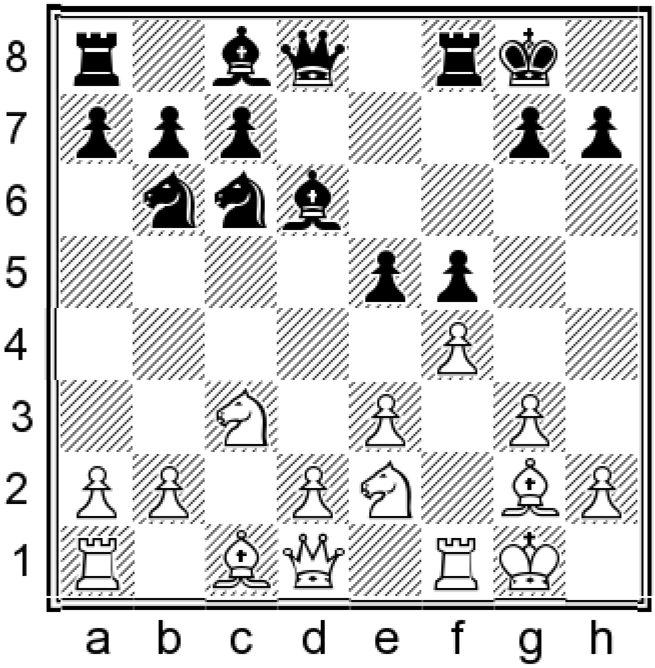
The best continuation for Black – preserving his central pawn which restricts White's knight on e2.
[9...f5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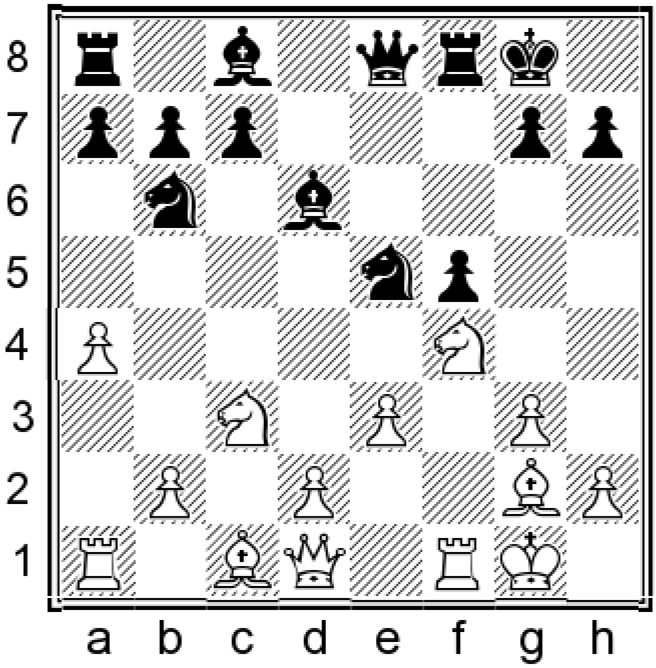
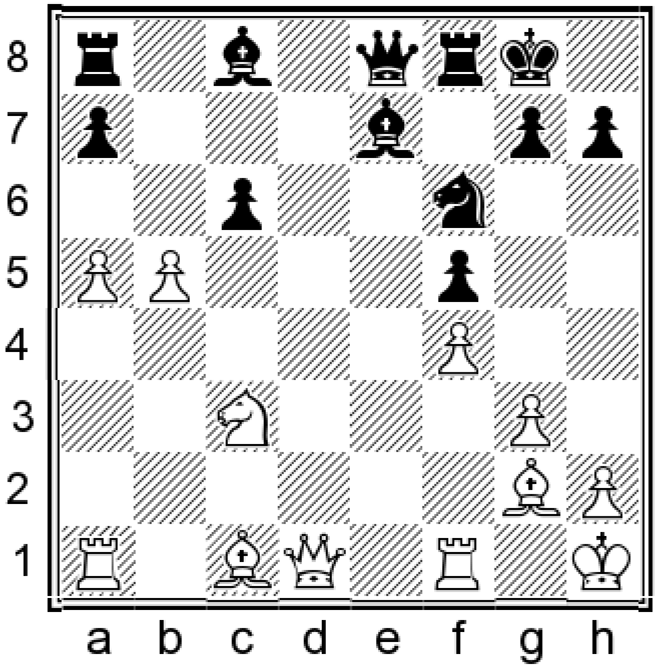
This move is not in the spirit of the line – it restricts Black's own bishop on c8 and weakens the light squares around his king. 10.fe5 ♘e5 11.♘f4 ♕e8 12.a4!



Black suffers from having the unpleasant task of defending his queenside whilst under heavy gunfire: 12...c6 13.a5 ♘bd7 14.d4 The white pawns are smashing everything in their path. 14...♘g6 15.d5 Removing the last obstacle – the c6 pawn. (Also there is 15.♕b3!? ♔h8 16.♘g6 ♕g6 17.e4 fe4 18.♖f8 ♘f8 19.♘e4±) 15...♘f4 16.ef4 ♘f6 17.dc6 ♗c5 18.♔h1 bc6 19.b4 ♗e7 20.b5

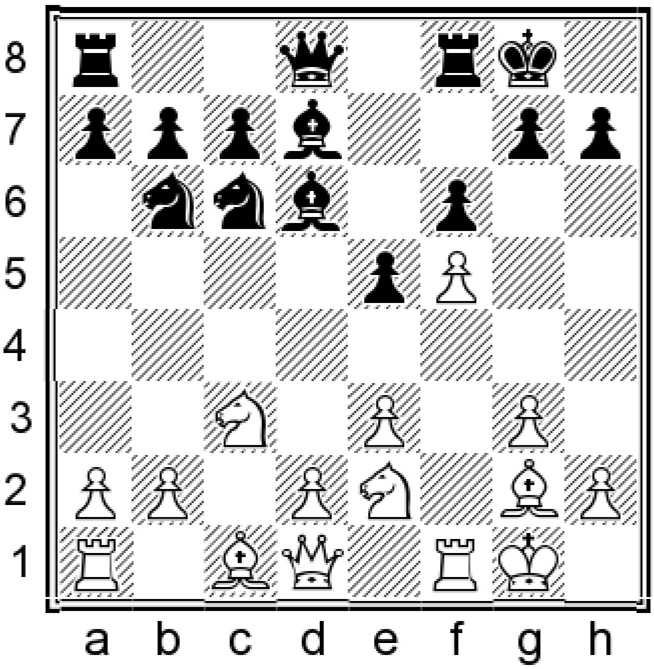


Black's strategy has proved to be completely wrong: 20...♗d7 21.♖e1 ♘g4 22.♖a2 ♖d8 23.♕b3 (In Swiercz 2654 – Pashikian 2609, Martuni 2013, White played 23.h3?, for some reason missing the simple solution 23...♗e6! after which Black miraculously managed to escape: 24.♕e2 ♗a2 25.♕a2 ♕f7 26.♕f7 ♔f7 27.hg4 ♗b4 28.♖e3±, with an eventual draw.) 23...♔h8 (23...♕f7 24.♕f7 ♖f7 25.bc6) 24.h3 ♘f6 25.♖ae2 ♘g8 26.♗a3+–]

10.f5

[10.fe5 fe5! 11.♕b3 (11.♖f8 ♕f8= with about equal position.) 11...♔h8 12.♖f8 ♗f8∞]

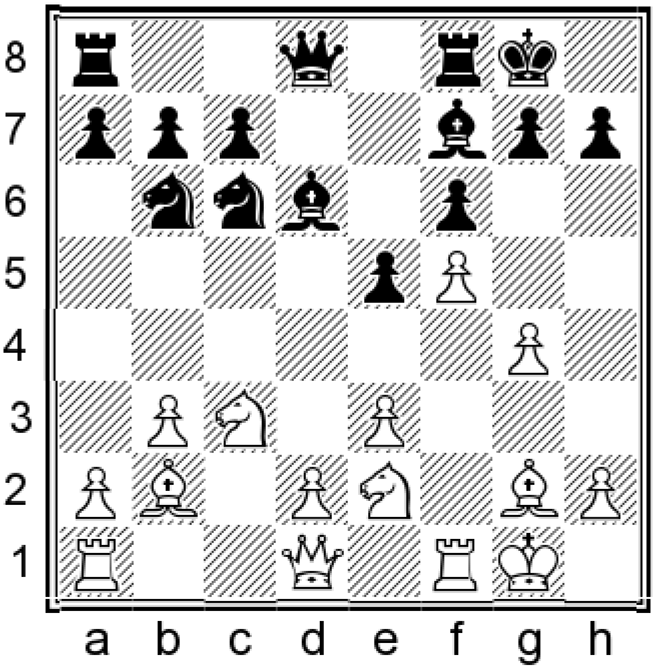
10...♗d7



I like very much this logical way of solving the problem of Black's queen's bishop and achieving the coordination of all his pieces.

11.g4 The consequent continuation.
[11.d4 ♗e8 12.b3 ♗f7 13.♗b2 ed4 14.ed4 ♕d7∞]

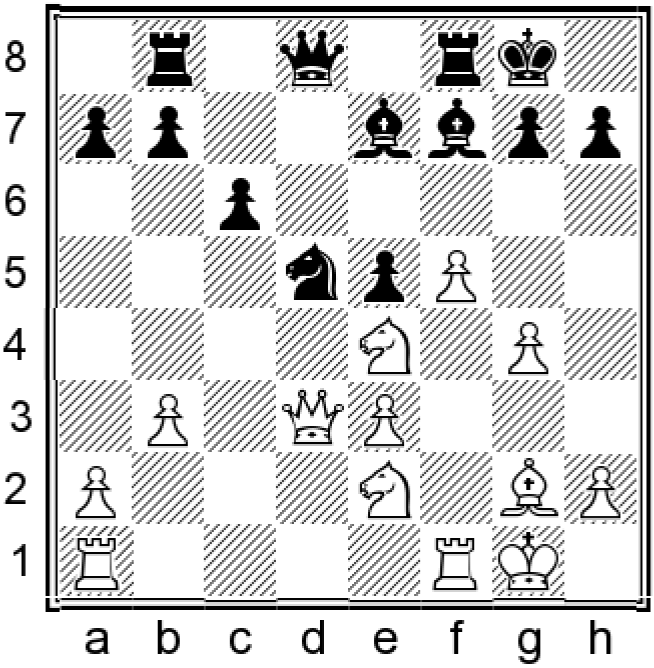
11...♗e8 12.b3 ♗f7 13.♗b2



13...♖b8?! This move is not necessary.
[I prefer the immediate centralisation with 13...♕d7 14.d4 ♖ad8 15.♘e4 ♘d5=]

14.♘e4 ♗e7 15.d4 ♘d5 16.de5
[16.♕d3 ed4 17.ed4 ♖e8 18.a3 ♕d7 19.♖ae1 ♖bd8∓]

16...♘e5 17.♗e5 fe5 18.♕d3 c6



Black is better already with his bishop pair and centralised knight on d5 and White’s weak dark squares.

19.♘2c3 ♕b6 20.♖f3 ♖bd8 21.♘a4 ♕a5
[21...♘f6! 22.♕c2 ♕b4∓; 21...♕b4 22.a3 ♕b5⩱]

22.♕c2 ♘f6 23.♘ac5 ♗c5 24.♕c5 ♕c5 25.♘c5 b6 26.g5 bc5 27.gf6 gf6 28.♖g3 ♔h8 29.♗c6 ♖d2
Black still has the better endgame but it was not enough for a win. Khairullin 2651 – Frolyanov 2577, Moscow 2014.

Conclusion

White players can no longer rely on the surprise element when playing 6.e3. Deep research is needed for both sides as the arising positions are dynamic and double-edged. Black players should take the opening seriously and prepare their approach carefully as the safest path has still not yet been determined.

The most original system is 6...g6 where the character of play reminds me of a Gruenfeld Defence. In the Classical setup with 6...♘c6 Black is more likely to obtain full equality in the lines with 7...♗f5 or 7...♗e6, but also with 9...f6! in the main line. Navara’s preference, 6...c5, is a possible try to play for more than a draw.

The system with 6.e3 is not risk-free for White The most enterprising quality of the opening is the freshness of the arising positions, which will suit original players who like to escape from the well-trodden paths after the standard 6.♘f3.
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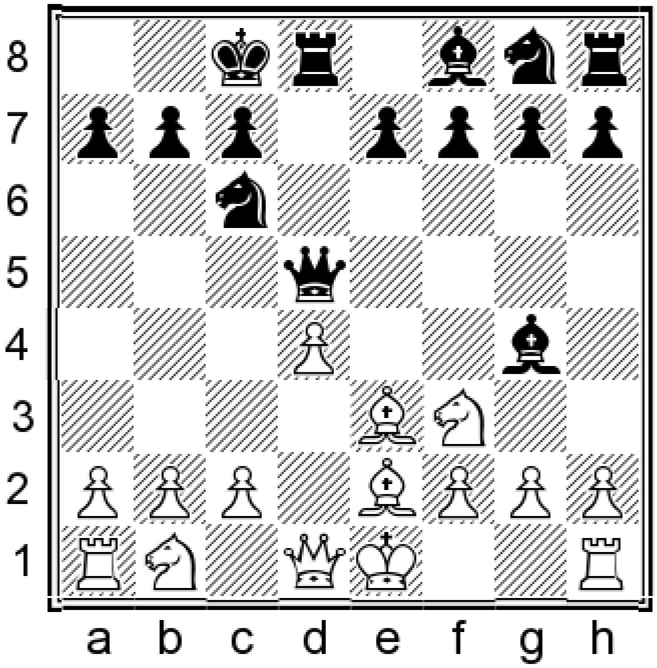
SCANDINAVIAN DEFENCE B01

The Scandinavian Defence line involving ...♘c6, ...♗g4, ...0-0-0 is by far the most critical against 3.♘f3 and was considered to give Black good chances until the important game Movsesian – Papaioannou, played in the Chess Olympiad at Bled 2002. From then on 3.♘f3 gained some popularity but it was never considered to be the main line against the 2...♕d5 Scandinavian. Positions in this variation are often double-edged, as they should be, since we have opposite sides castling and lots of activity on both wings and in the centre.

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 ♕d5 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.d4 0-0-0 6.♗e3



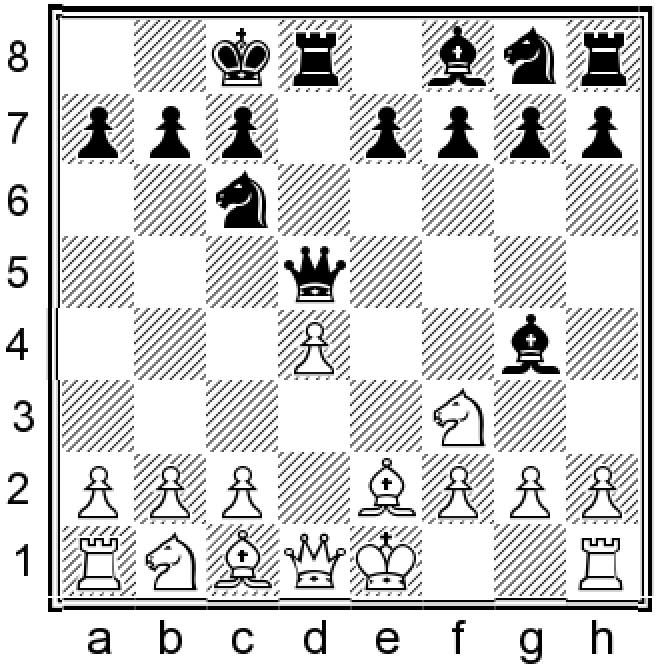
Now Black has two interesting options which will take us to very sharp and interesting positions.
First we will deal with

A) 6...e5 7.c4 ♕a5 8.♗d2
and secondly with

B) 6...♘f6 7.♘bd2 ♕f5

PART 1: 6...e5 7.c4 ♕a5 8.♗d2

After the moves **1.e4 d5 2.ed5 ♕d5 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.d4 0-0-0**



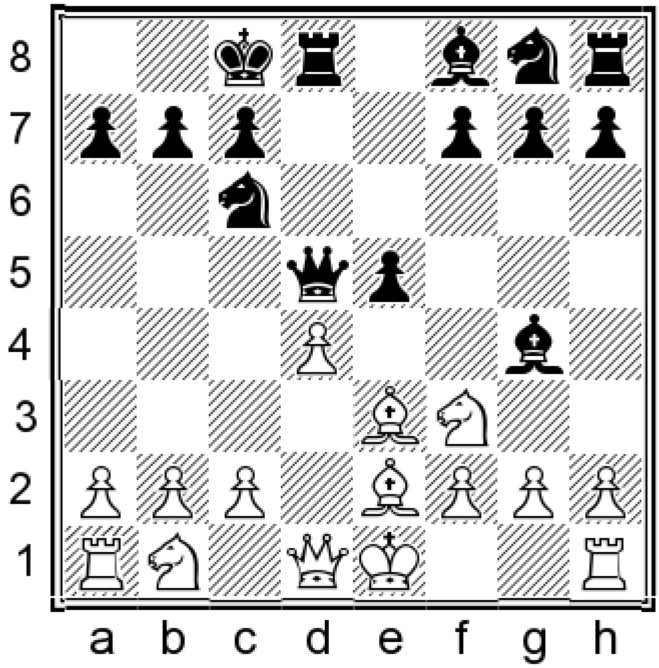
...we have reached our main position. Black develops very quickly but White will try to push back his active pieces with his d and c-pawns.

[5...e6?! 6.c4 (6.h3 ♗h5 7.0-0 is probably simpler and superior, as White must be slightly better here.) 6...♗b4?! (6...♕a5) 7.♘c3 ♕a5 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.♗e3 ♘ge7 10.♘b5 a6 11.a3!± Kapnisis 2480 – Iordanidou 2143, Rethymno 2012. This is a good example of what can happen to Black if he gets too "creative" with the placement of his pieces.]

6.♗e3

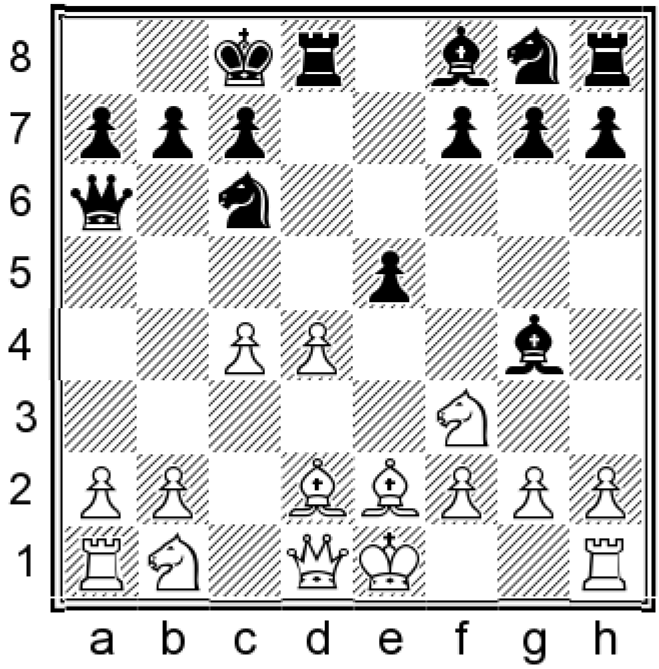
Now Black has two main choices: one that we will deal in this section and the other equally important 6...♘f6 in Part 2.

6...e5



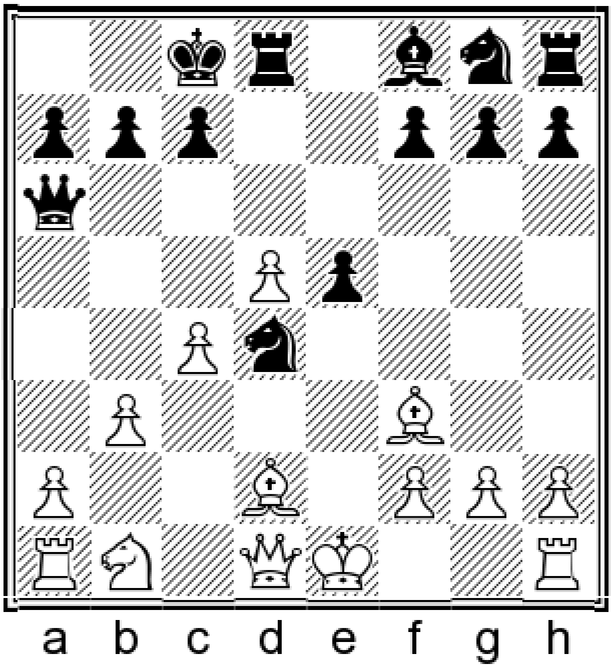
7.c4 ♕a5 8.♗d2 ♗b4

[8...♕a6!?



...leads to a fascinating game with wild complications. It is not very popular among Black players but they might want to try it if they have the intention of fighting for the whole point.

A) 9.d5 leads to standard positions for this opening but not to an advantage for White. 9...♗f3 10.♗f3 ♘d4 11.b3 (11.♗e2 Fleites Marti 2206 – Perez Garcia 2436, Toluca 2009 – 106/(191))

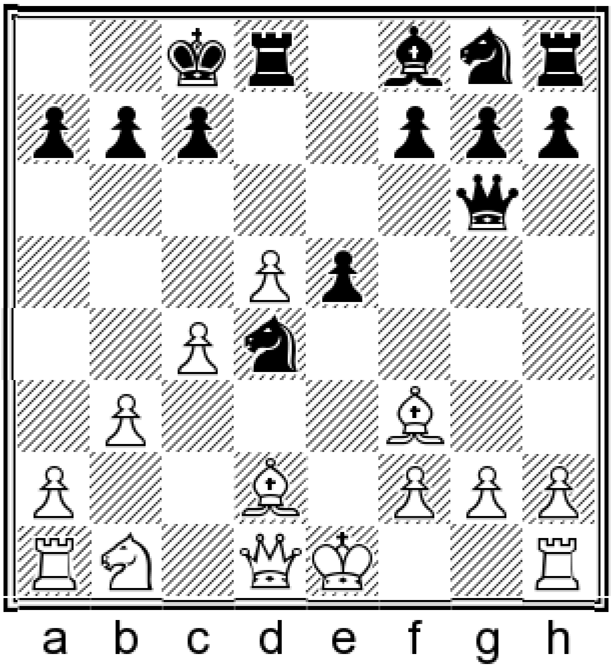


A1) 11...f5 12.0-0

A1a) 12...♕f6?! 13.♗c3 ♘e7?! (13...g5 14.♖e1±) 14.♖e1! prevents ...g5 thus making Black's attack on the kingside significantly slower. White will continue with ♘d2, b4 and should keep a nice advantage (14.♘d2? g5 15.b4 g4 16.♗e2∞ Kulaots 2571 – Kovalenko 2611, Lasi 2014) 14...♘g6 (14...g5?! 15.♖e5!±) 15.♘d2±;

A1b) 12...♘f6!? 13.♘c3 (13.♗c3 c5 14.dc6 ♘c6 15.♕c1 e4 16.♗d1 ♕b6∞) 13...♗a3!? 14.♗e3 c5 I find it difficult to evaluate this position so I guess that I will have to just say it's "complicated";

A2) 11...♕g6

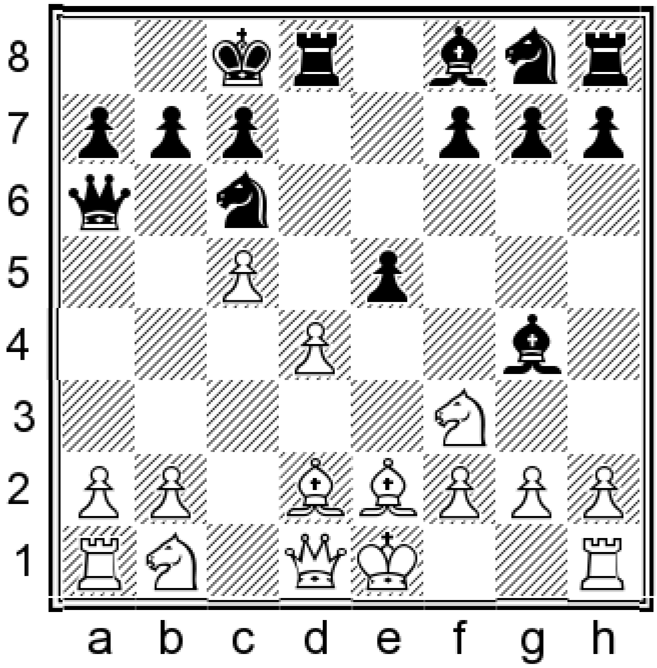


12.0-0 ♘f6 13.♘c3 ♗d6 14.♖e1 ♖he8 (14...♘c2 15.♗e4 ♘e4 16.♕c2±) 15.♗e4 Stopping ...e5-e4 should be a priority for White 15...♘e4 16.♘e4 ♗e7 17.♗c3 f5

A2a) 18.♘g3!? f4 19.♖e5! ♘c6! (19...fg3 20.♗d4±) 20.♖e7 ♘e7 21.♘h5 c6 22.♘f4 ♕e4 23.g3 ♘g6∞ leads to an interesting position with chances for both sides;

A2b) 18.♘d2 ♗f6 19.♗d4 ed4 20.♕f3∞ Munoz Pantoja 2479 – Prie 2516, Spain 2013 (20.♘f3 c6 21.♖e8 ♕e8 22.♖c1∞);

B) 9.c5!



This should be the critical line for the evaluation of 8...♕a6. More practical tests are required. I present you here with some analysis that should be put to the test in practical play. The evaluation of the position is “messy”, although I personally would rather be White.

B1) 9...b5?! 10.d5 (10.cb6! ♕b6 11.de5 ♗f3 12.♗f3 ♘e5 13.0-0→)

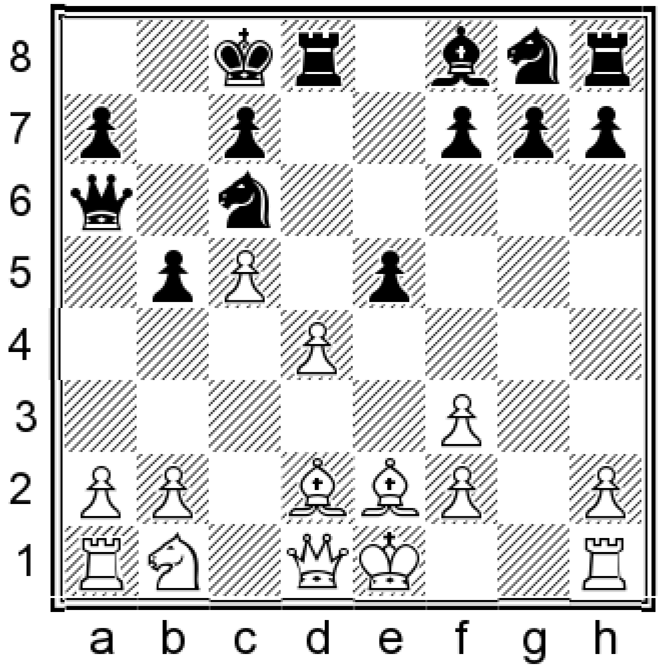
B1a) 10...♗f3!? 11.♗f3 ♘d4 12.b4 ♘f6 13.♘c3 e4 (13...♕a3 14.0-0 ♕b4 15.♖c1→) 14.♘e4!

B1a1) 14...♘f3?! 15.♕f3 ♖e8 16.0-0 ♘e4 (16...♖e4 17.♗c3 ♖e8 18.d6±) 17.♖ae1 ♕g6 18.d6! cd6 19.c6→ Δ ♕a3;

B1a2) 14...♖e8! 15.♗e3 ♘f3 16.gf3 ♘e4 17.fe4 ♖e4∞;

B1b) 10...♖d5 11.♘c3 ♗f3 12.gf3 ♖c5 13.♘b5, M. Pap 2469 – Bogut 2459, Bosnjaci 2009 – 106/191;

B2) 9...♗f3! 10.gf3 b5



This amazing position is full of unexpected possibilities.

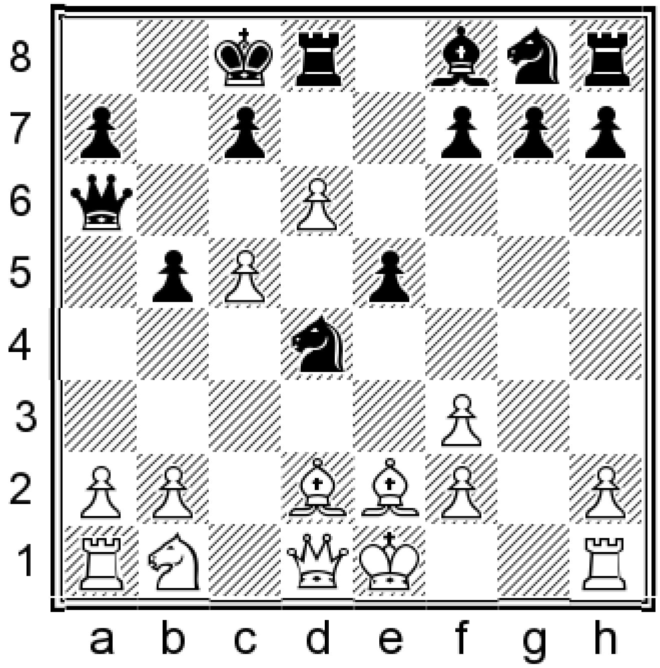
B2a) 11.d5 ♘d4 (11...♖d5? 12.♘c3 ♖c5 13.♘b5 ♖b5 14.a4±)

B2a1) 12.b4 ♘f6∓ (12...♖d5? 13.♘c3 ♖d8 14.♘b5±);

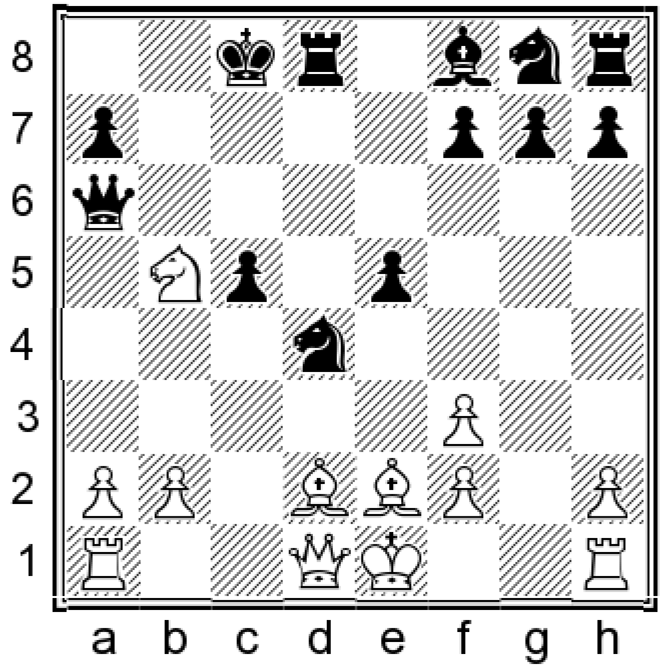
B2a2) 12.♘c3 ♗c5 13.0-0 ♘e7 14.♔h1 ♘d5 15.a4 ♕b7∓;

B2a3) 12.c6 ♖d5 13.♘c3 ♖d8 14.a4 ♕c6 15.ab5 ♕b7∓ Dorfanis 2207 – Nikomanis 2019, Greece 2008 – 106/(191);

B2a4) 12.d6!



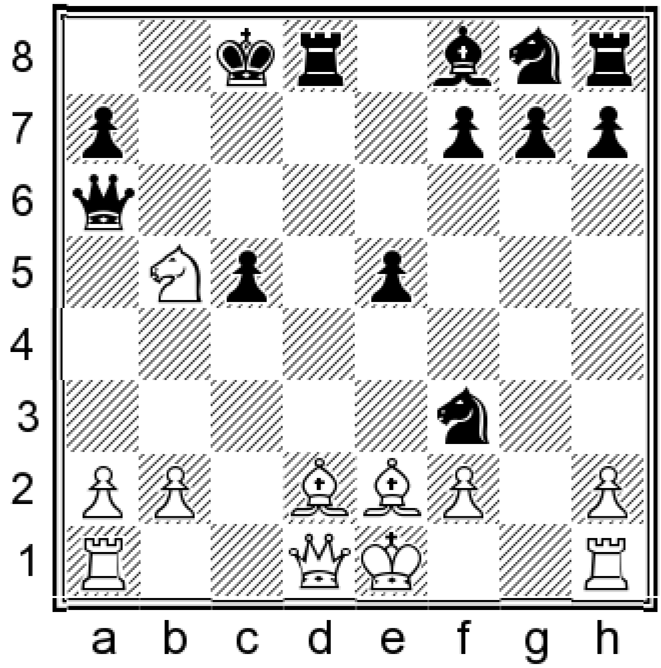
12...cd6 13.♘c3 dc5 (13...♘e2 14.♕e2 dc5 15.♘b5 ♘f6 16.a4∞) 14.♘b5!



Black has a couple of possibilities but neither is conclusive. The position is so complex that the advantage can swing to either side at any time.

B2a41) 14...♘b5? 15.a4→;

B2a42) 14...♘f3

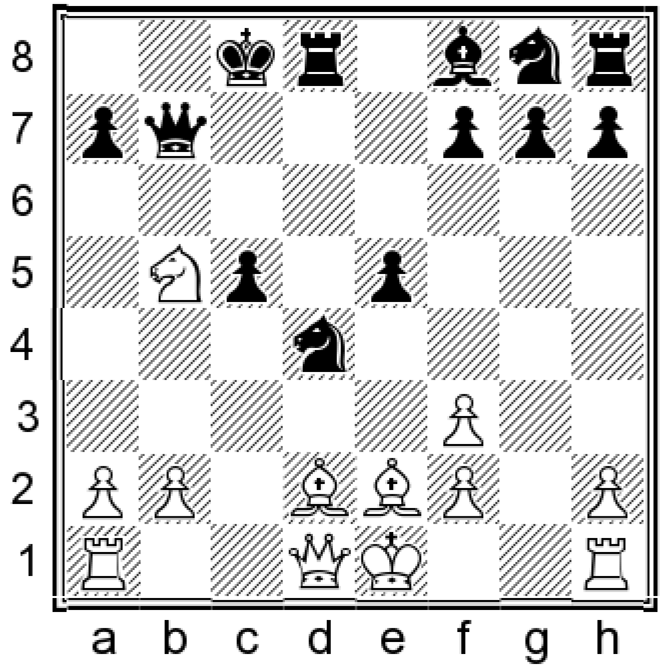


15.♗f3 ♕b5 16.a4 ♕b6

B2a421) 17.b4 e4 18.♗g2∞ (18.bc5 ♗c5 19.♗g4 ♔c7 20.♕c2∞);

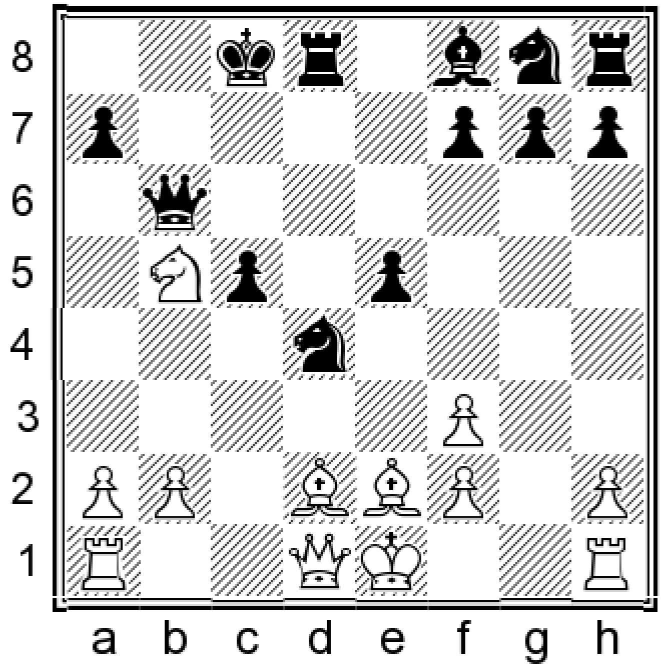
B2a422) 17.♕c2 ♘f6 18.♖a3∞ (18.0-0-0!?);

B2a43) 14...♕b7



After 15.♘d4 ed4 16.♗d3 ♗d6 (16...♘f6 17.b4) 17.b4 the position remains highly chaotic.

B2a44) 14...♕b6



B2a441) 15.♘d4 ed4 (15...♖d4 16.♕b3±) 16.♗c4 ♘e7 (16...♘f6 17.♕a4∞) 17.♕a4

B2a4411) 17...♘c6 18.0-0∞ (18.b4!?);

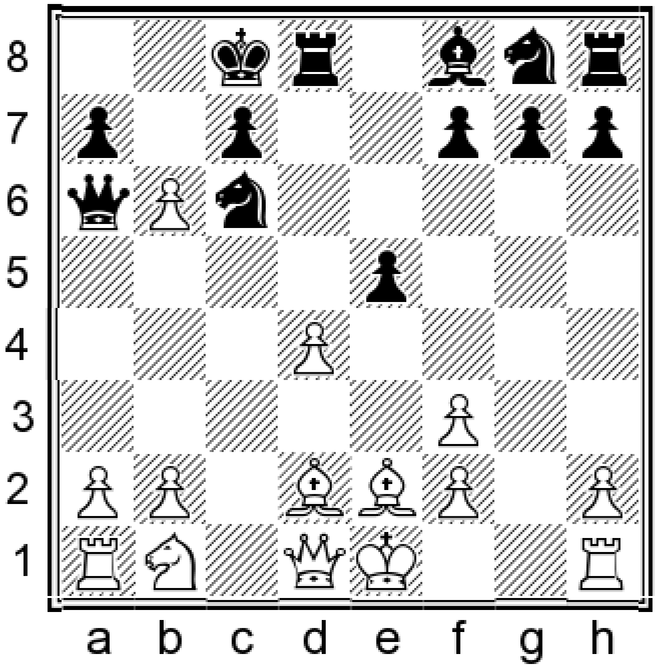
B2a4412) 17...♘d5 18.0-0-0⯹;

B2a442) 15.♕a4 ♘e2 16.♔e2

B2a4421) 16...a6 17.♘a3 ♔b7 (17...♕e6 18.♖ac1∞) 18.♖hd1 and in this complicated position I like White’s chances (18.♖hc1!?);

B2a4422) 16...♘e7 17.♗a5 ♕a6 18.♕c4 ♕a5 (18...♖d5 19.b4 ♘g6 20.♖hd1∞) 19.♕c5 ♘c6 20.♕c6 ♔b8 21.♖hd1 ♖c8 22.♕d5±;

B2b) 11.cb6!?



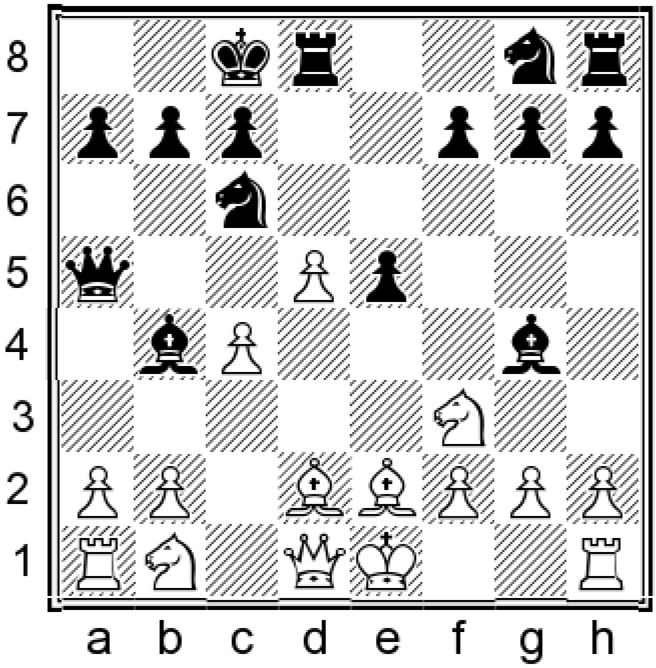
11...♕b6 12.de5 White is left a pawn up, at least for the moment, but what we have got is a rather unusual position:

B2b1) 12...♘ge7 13.♘c3 ♘g6 14.♕a4! (14.♕c2 ♘ge5 15.0-0-0 ♘d4 16.♗e3 ♘c2 17.♗b6 ♖d1 18.♖d1 ab6 19.♔c2 should be equal) 14...♘d4 (14...♖d2 15.♔d2 ♕b2 16.♕c2 ♕b6 17.♖ab1 White is clearly better) 15.♗a6 ♔b8 16.0-0-0±;

B2b2) 12...♗c5 13.0-0 ♕b2 14.♗a6 ♔b8 15.♕a4 ♘d4 16.♗c3 ♕c2 17.♕c4±;

B2b3) 12...♘e5 13.♘c3 ♘f6 (13...♘e7 14.♕a4±; 13...♘d3 14.♗d3 ♖d3 15.♕e2±; 13...♗c5 14.0-0 ♘e7 15.♔h1 ♕e6 16.♘e4 ♗b6 17.♕a4∞ Wedel 2192 – La. Nowak 2071, corr. 2008) 14.0-0 Black’s pieces are well centralised but his king is insecure which gives White the better chances in a complicated battle.]

9.d5

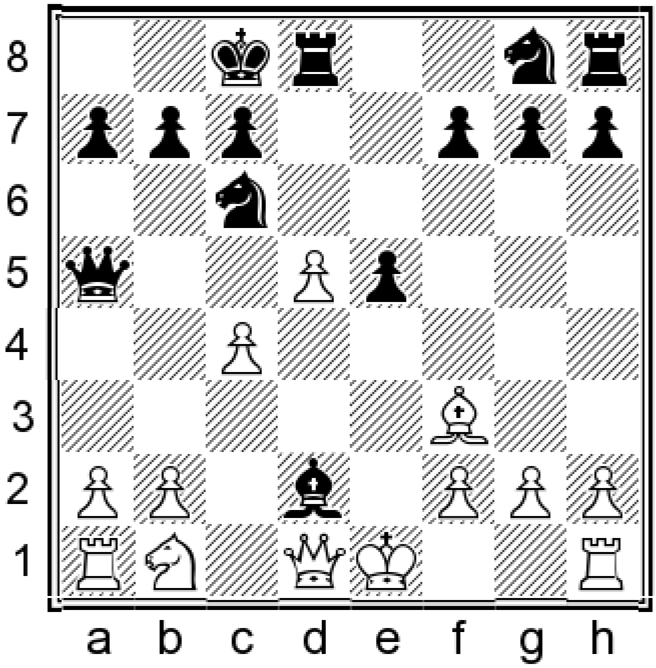


9...♗f3

[9...e4? 10.♘g5 ♗e2 11.♕e2 ♘d4 12.♕d1± Kiik 2466 – Rasch 2301, Gibraltar 2009]

10.♗f3 ♘d4

[10...♗d2!?

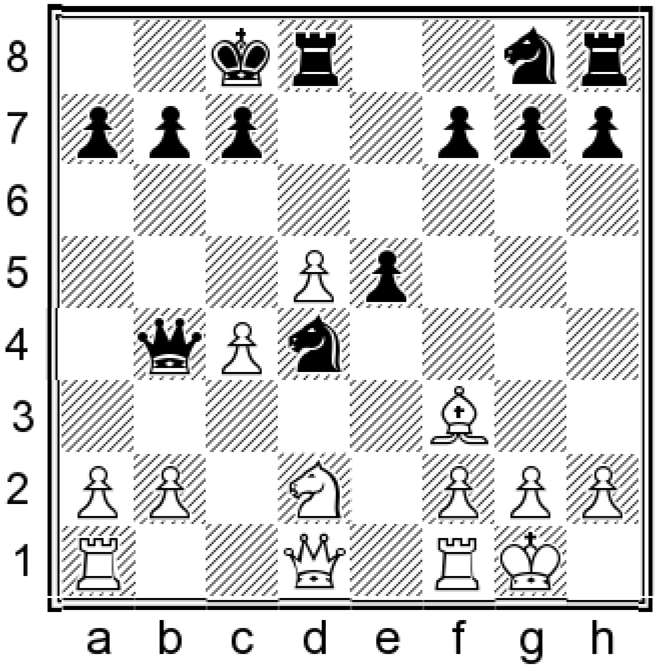


...is the major alternative to the main line. I think that White might be able to put Black under some pressure, but nothing that Black cannot handle. 11.♘d2 ♘d4 12.0-0 (12.a3!? transpose to main line note to 11.a3)

A) 12...f5? 13.♘b3 ♘b3 14.ab3 ♕b6
A1) 15.♕c1 e4 16.c5! (16.♗e2?± Eggleston 2364 – Merry 2210, Crawley 2012) 16...♕b5 17.♖a7+–;
A2) 15.b4!?+–;
A3) 15.♕c2 e4 16.♗e2± Koscielski 2359 – Seel 2234, Bad Salzuflen 2000 (16.c5! ♕g6 17.♗h5!! ♕h5 18.♖a7+–);

B) 12...♘f3 13.♘f3 f6 14.♕c2± (Δ ♖b1, b4) Adair 2262 – Kolbus 2321, Great Britain (ch) 2012;

C) 12...♕b4!

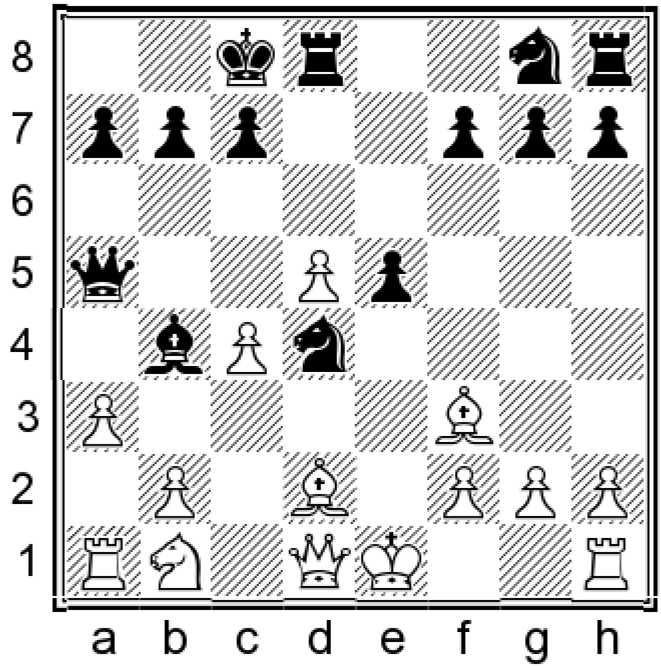


The only move to fight for equality. 13.a3!? is interesting and should be tried in the future, though there is nothing wrong with 13.b3 or 13. ♖e1 (13.b3 ♘h6 14.a3 ♕e7 15.♖e1 f5 16.b4 ♕f6∞ Pirrot 2377 – Weisenburger 2173, Bad Woerishofen 2013. The position should be close to equal. Both sides will develop their attack against the enemy king and may the best man win! (Other moves tried here are 13.♖e1 ♘f6 14.b3 ♖he8 15.a3 ♕c3∞ Predojevic 2543 – Sermek 2532, Portoroz 2005; and 13.♕c1!? ♘e7 14.a3 ♕d6 15.♕c3∞). After 13.a3!? can follow 13...♕b2 (13...♕e7 14.♘b3 ♘b3 15.♕b3 e4 16.♗e2±)

C1) 14.d6 ♖d6 (14...c6 15.c5⩱) 15.♖b1 (15.♗d5 ♘f6 16.♖b1 ♕a3 17.♗b7 ♔d8 Though Black must be careful, White's attack is not very dangerous.) 15...♘f3 16.♕f3 ♕d2 17.♖fd1 ♕f4 (17...♕h6 18.♕b7 ♔d7 19.♕b5! ♔e6 20.f4! looks scary for Black but in fact the position is probably equal; while after 17...♕d1 18.♖d1 ♖d1 19.♕d1 Black should be able to hold.) 18.♕b7 ♔d7 19.♖d6 ♔d6 20.♖d1 ♔e7 21.♕c7 ♔f6 22.g3 will probably lead to a draw;
C2) 14.♖b1
C2a) 14...♕a3? 15.♖a1± (15.♘b3!?±);
C2b) 14...♕c2 15.♗g4 ♔b8 16.♕c2 ♘c2 17.♗d1 ♘d4 18.f4 f6 (18...e4 19.♘e4 ♖e8 20.♘c5 b6 21.♘d7 ♔b7 22.♘e5 ♘h6 23.♗a4 ♖e7 24.♖fe1±) 19.♘f3 ♘f3 20.♗f3 b6 21.♖fe1 and though White has some initiative, Black should be able to hold the position.]

11.♘c3 Not the only move. White has a few ideas too, from which 11.a3 looks particularly interesting.
[After 11.♗c3 ♗c3 (11...♘f6 12.0-0 ♕c5 13.♘d2 ♖he8 14.♗g4 ♔b8 15.♗h3 g6 16.♖e1 ♗c3 17.bc3 ♘f5 18.♖b1±) 12.bc3 ♘f3 13.♕f3 ♘f6 14.0-0 ♖he8 Black looks perfectly okay;

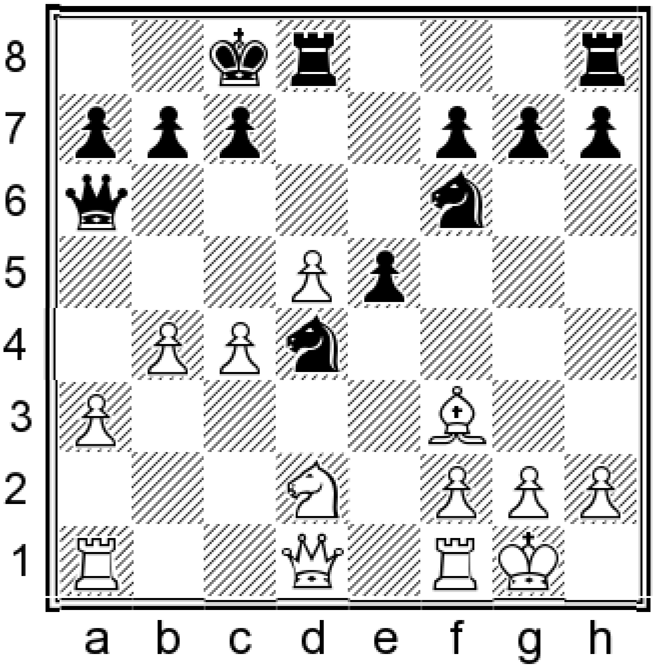
11.a3!?



This move should get more attention since 11.♘c3 doesn't seem to promise any advantage.

11...♗d2 12.♘d2

A) 12...♘f6 13.b4 (13.0-0 c6 14.♘b3 ♘b3 15.♕b3∞ H. E. Nielsen 2212 – Masic 2356, Paracin 2014) 13...♕a6 14.0-0



A1) 14...♖he8 15.b5 ♕a5 16.♘b3 ♕c3 (16...♘b3 17.♕b3 e4 18.♗e2 ♕d2 19.♖a2 ♕f4 20.♕e3 ♕e3 21.fe3 ♖e7∞) 17.♘d4 ed4 18.♖c1 ♕a3 19.♕d4+– Lonyuk – Falco, corr. 2013;

A2) 14...e4 15.b5 ♘f3 16.♘f3 ♕d6

A2a) 17.♘g5 ♖hf8 (17...♖d7! 18.♖e1 ♖e8 19.♕d4 ♕b6 20.♖ad1 ♕d4 21.♖d4 ♖de7 22.♘h3 ♘d7∓) 18.♕d4 ♕b6 19.♖ad1 ♕d4 20.♖d4 c6 21.bc6 bc6 22.♘e4 ♘e4 23.♖e4 cd5 24.♖d4 dc4 25.♖c4 ♔b7 26.g3 ♖d7= Ji. Nun 2345 – Ivan Novak 2335, Stary Smokovec 1981;

A2b) 17.♘d2 ♕f4 18.g3 ♕f5 19.♕c2∞;

B) 12...f5 13.0-0

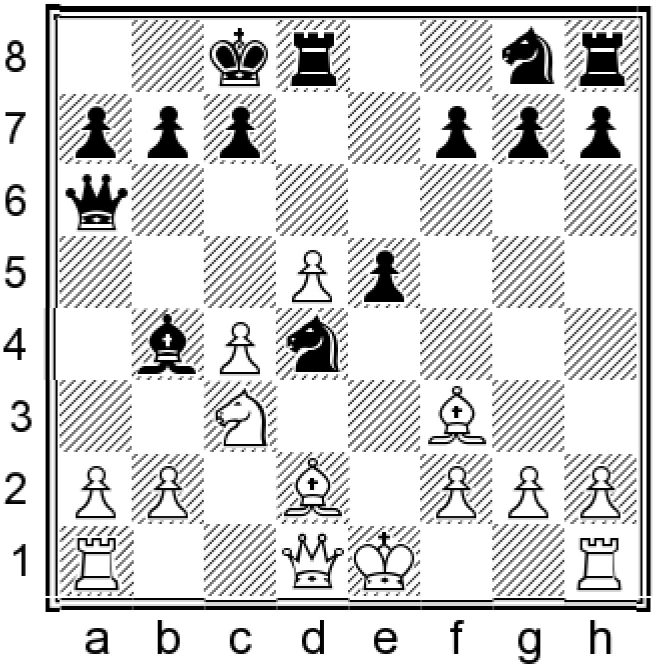
B1) 13...e4 14.♗h5 (14.♗e2 ♘f6 15.b4 ♕a6 16.♖e1 c6 17.♗f1! cd5 18.cd5 ♕d6 19.♘e4± Lehtivaara 2275 – Tikkanen 2230, Finland 1994) 14...♕b6 15.b4 ♘f6 16.♗e2 ♕d6 17.♘b3 ♘e2 18.♕e2 ♘g4 19.g3 ♕h6 20.h4 g5∓ (20...♘e5 21.♘d4 ♕f6 22.♖ad1∞ Smerdon 2403 – Rujevic 2296, Melbourne 2004);

B2) 13...♘f6 14.b4 ♕a6 15.♖e1 ♖he8 16.♗e2! ♕d6 17.♗f1 c6 18.♘f3 ♘f3 19.♕f3 g6

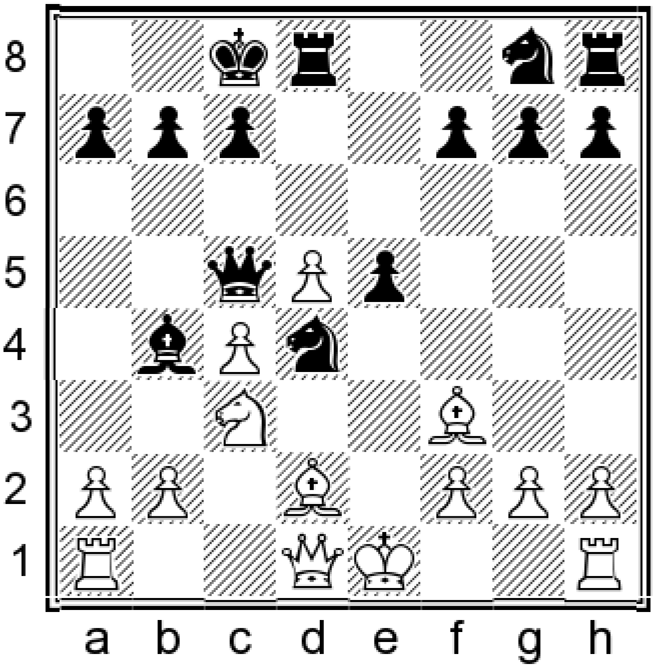
B2a) 20.dc6 ♕c6 21.♕e3 ♖d4 22.♖ac1 f4 23.♕h3 (23.♕c3 ♘e4 24.♕b2 f3∞) 23...♕e6 24.♕e6 ♖e6 25.g3 fg3 26.hg3 ♔c7= Tseshkovsky 2519 – W. Brunner 2186, Davos 2008;

B2b) Probably more precise was 20.♕e3! ♔b8 21.dc6 ♕c6 22.♖ad1±]

11...♕a6!



This is the best move here.
[11...♕c5



A) 12.b3 ♕a5 leads to a line discussed under 11...♕a6 (12...♕e7 13.0-0 f5 14.♖e1± Vulfson 2437 – Pletnev 2224, Moscow 2010);

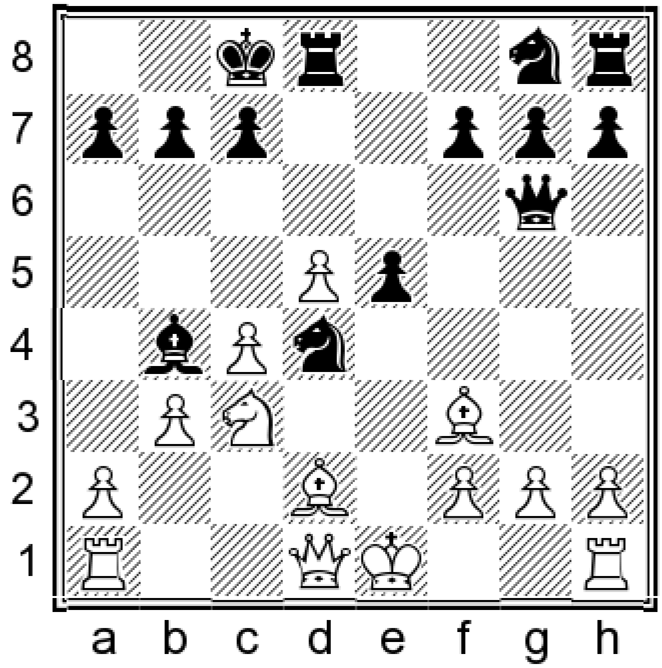
B) 12.♗e2 ♘f6 13.0-0 c6 (13...♖he8 14.♖c1 ♔b8 15.a3 ♗c3 16.♗c3± ♘e2?! 17.♕e2 c6 18.b4 ♕d6 19.dc6 ♕c6 20.♗e5± Movsesian 2718 – Tomczak 2500, Warsaw (rapid) 2009)
B1) 14.dc6 ♘c6 and Black is fine;
B2) 14.a3 ♗c3 15.bc3 (15.♗c3 cd5) 15...♘e2 (15...♘f5 16.♕c2 e4 17.g4! ♘e7 18.♗e3 ♕d6 19.g5 ♘d7 20.♕e4±) 16.♕e2∞;
B3) 14.♖c1 ♔b8 15.a3 ♗c3 16.♗c3 (16.bc3 ♘e2 17.♕e2 ♖he8∓) 16...cd5 17.b4 ♕e7 18.♗d4 ed4 19.c5 ♕e5∞ Lach 2208 – Koykka 2303, Krakow 2014;

B4) 14.♗g5! ♕a5 (14...♗c3?! 15.bc3 ♘e2 16.♕e2 cd5 17.♕e5± Szczepkowska 2360 – Repkova 2363, Lubovna (m/3) 2013) 15.dc6! (15.♗g4 ♔b8∞ Movsesian 2651 – Papaioannou 2587, Bled (ol) 2002 – 86/49) 15...bc6 (15...♘f3?! 16.♗f3 ♖d1 17.cb7 ♔b8 18.♖fd1±) 16.♗d3±]

12.♗e2 Perhaps not enough for an advantage. There is also an interesting alternative:
[12.b3

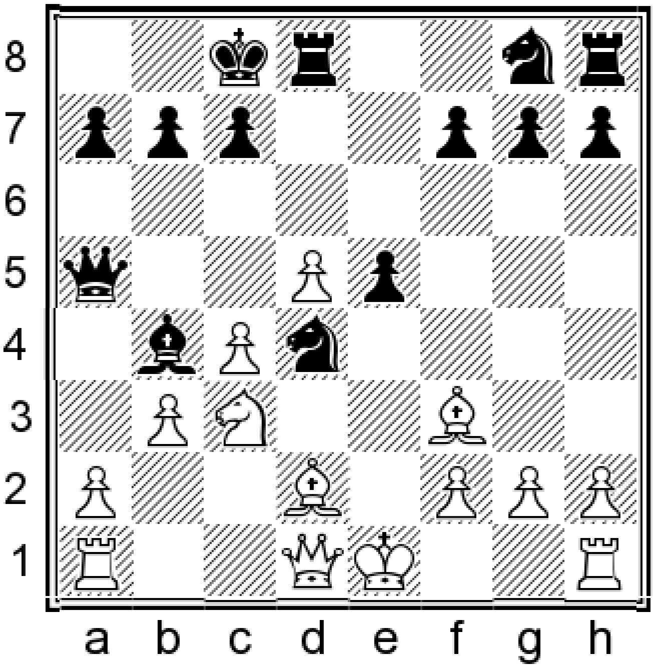
A) 12...♘f6?!
A1) 13.0-0 ♖he8 14.a3 ♗c5 15.♗e3 ♔b8 16.♔h1 ♗b6 17.♘a4 ♘f3 18.♕f3 ♗e3 19.fe3!± (19.♕e3∞ Hermann 2320 – Schelle 2217, Germany 2013);
A2) 13.a3! Avoiding any possible ...♕a5
A2a) 13...e4 14.0-0 (14.ab4 ♕a1 15.♕a1 ♘c2 16.♔e2 ef3 17.♔f3 ♘a1 18.♖a1∞) 14...♗c3 15.♗c3 ♘f3 16.gf3 ♖he8 17.♔h1±;
A2b) 13...♗c5 14.0-0±;

B) 12...♕g6!?



13.0-0 ♘f6 14.a3 ♗d6
B1) 15.♖e1
B1a) 15...♕c2?! 16.b4 ♘f3 17.gf3± (17.♕f3? Novkovic 2161 – Grafl 2396, Austria 2009);
B1b) 15...♘c2 16.♗e4 ♘e4 17.♕c2 ♘c5! 18.♕b1 ♕b1 19.♖ab1 f5 Though I might prefer White here, the position in fact should be close to equal;
B2) 15.g3 ♕c2?! (15...h5!?∞) 16.♕c2 ♘c2 17.♖a2 ♘d4 18.♗d1± Snape 2242 – Rausis 2496, London 2011;
B3) 15.♗e2 e4
B3a) 16.♗e3 ♘e2 17.♕e2 a6 (17...♘g4?! 18.h3±) 18.h3 ♘d7∞;
B3b) 16.♖c1∞ Movsesian 2632 – Grafl 2413, Baden Baden 2006;

C) 12...♕a5



...is fully playable if followed by ... ♘f6. Both players should be aware of a possible a3 by White.

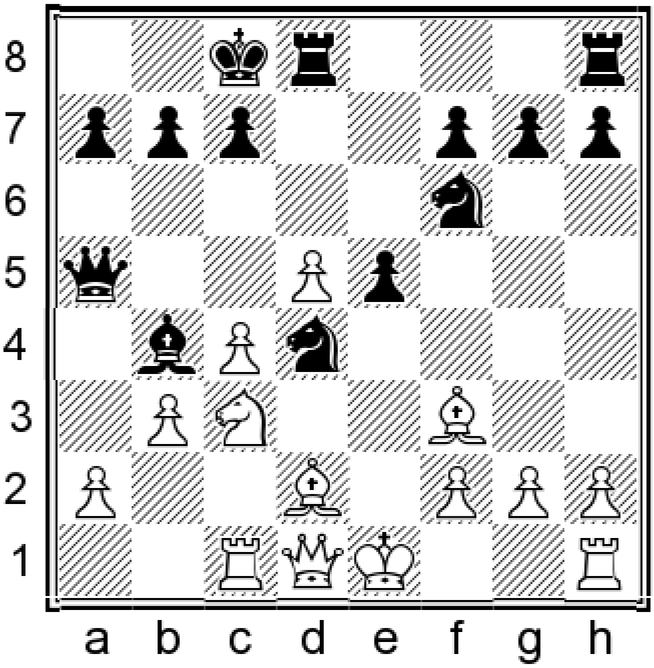
13.♖c1

C1) 13...f5?! 14.0-0 ♘f6 15.a3! (15.g3?! ♔b8∓ Leko 2751 – Ivanchuk 2779, Mukachevo (m/6-rapid) 2009 – 105/24) 15...♕a3 (15...♗a3 16.♖a1 ♕c5 17.♗e3 Δ♘b5. White is clearly better) 16.♘b5

C1a) 16...♘b5 17.♖a1 ♕b2 (17...♕a1 18.♕a1 ♗d2 19.cb5 e4) 18.♗b4 ♘d4 19.♖a7 e4 20.♖e1!±;

C1b) 16...♕b3 17.♗b4 ♕b4 18.♘d4 ed4 19.♕d4→ Eggleston 2323 – Sorensen 2181, Aarhus 2012;

C2) 13...♘f6!?



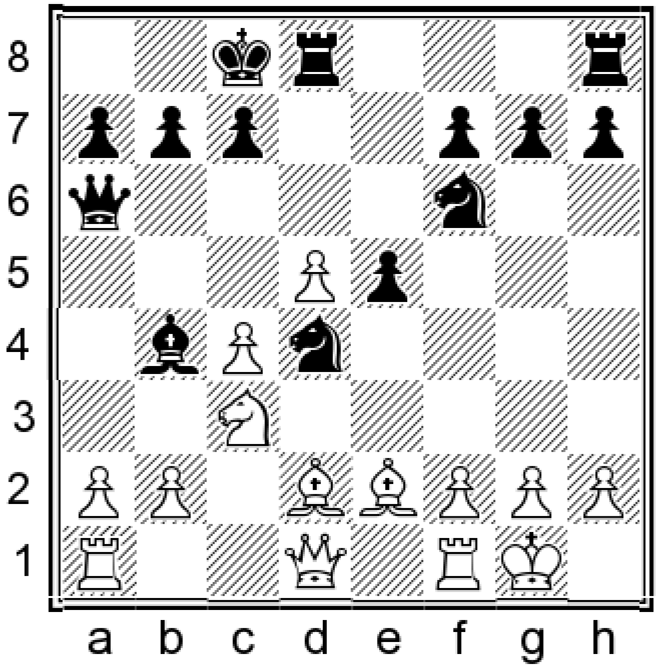
...is a possible improvement for Black. 14.0-0 ♖he8 15.a3 (15.♖e1 ♔b8 16.♖e3 ♘d7 17.♗e1 doesn't look inspiring for White. 17...f5∓) 15...♕a3 16.♘b5 ♘b5 17.♖a1 ♕a1! 18.♕a1 ♗d2 19.cb5 e4 20.♗e2 e3 Black has the initiative and the better prospects here.]

12...♘f6

[12...f5!? 13.0-0 ♘f6 14.♘b5 ♘e2 15.♕e2 ♗d2 16.♕d2 ♔b8 17.♕b4±]

13.a3

[A very valid alternative is 13.0-0



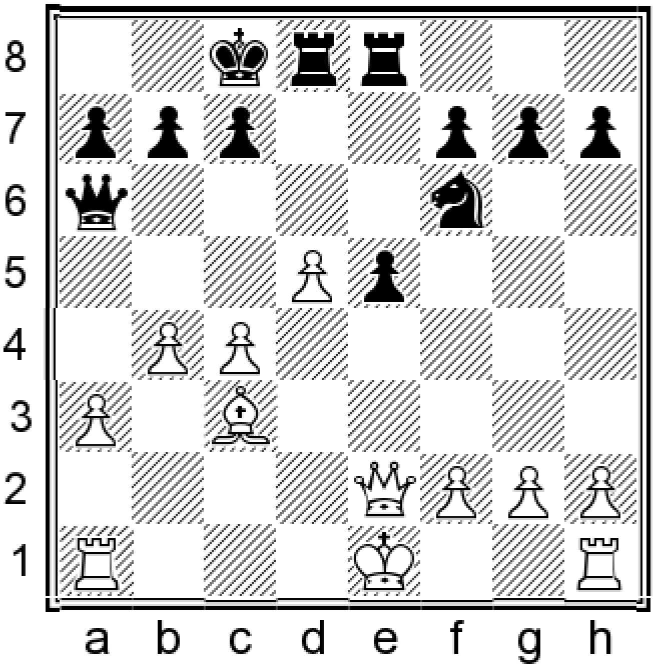
13...♗c3 14.♗c3 ♖d5 (14...♘e2 15.♕e2 ♖d5 16.♖fe1 ♖d6 17.♕e5 ♕c4 18.♕g3=∞) 15.cd5 ♘e2 16.♔h1 ♖d8 17.♕d2 ♖d5 18.♕g5 g6 19.♗e5 ♘d7 20.f4 ♘f4 21.♕f4 ♘e5 22.♕h6! (22.♕e3 b6 23.♕e4 ♕b5 24.♖ad1 ♘d3 25.♕f3 f5=∞ Jul. May 1914 – Cosentino 1988, corr. 2012) 22...b6 23.♕h7 ♔b7 24.b3 Black has some compensation but I can’t look at his position with great optimism.]

13...♗c3

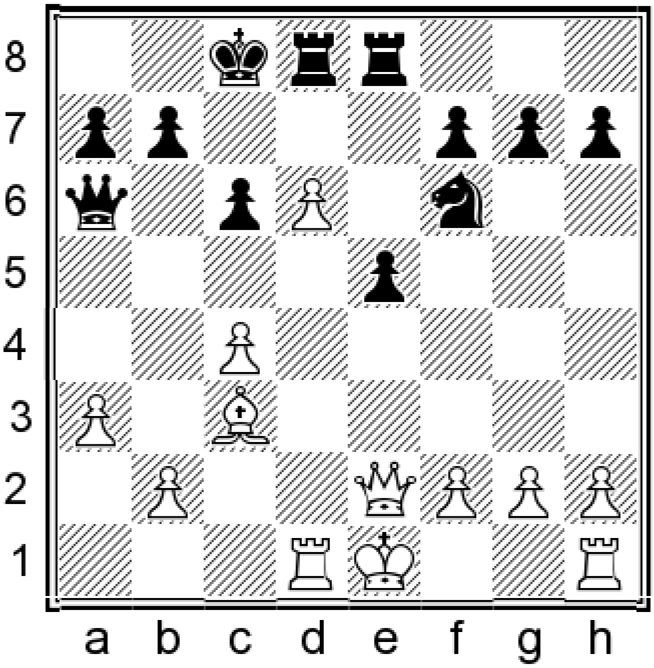
[13...♖he8!? seems to be fully playable 14.ab4 (14.♖c1 ♗c3 15.♗c3 ♘e2 16.♕e2∞) 14...♕a1 15.♕a1 ♘c2 16.♔f1 ♘a1 17.♗d1 c6 18.♗a4 (18.♗g5? b5∓ Bologan 2692 – Grafl 2428, Warsaw (rapid) 2009) 18...b5! 19.cb5 cd5 20.♔e2 d4 21.♖a1 dc3 22.bc3=∞ Barbot 2271 – Petre 2362, Avoine 2012. White has enough compensation for equality but nothing more.]

14.♗c3 ♘e2 15.♕e2 ♖he8 16.0-0-0

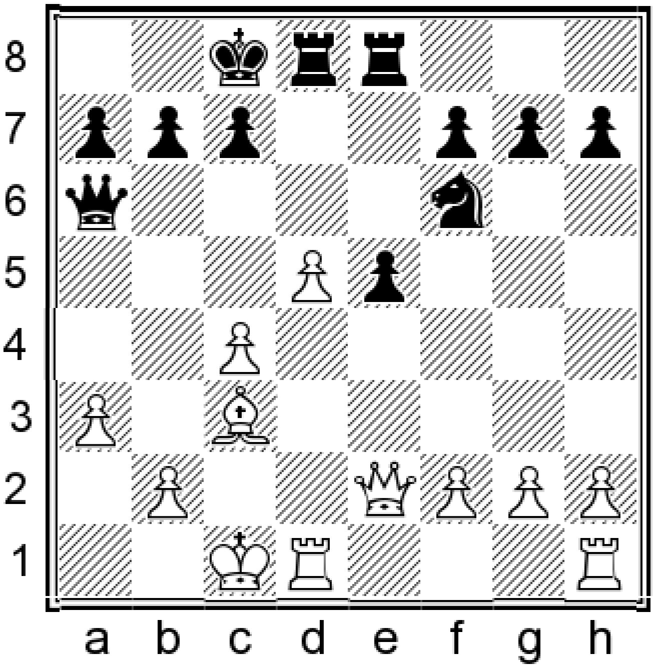
[16.b4



16...c6 (16...b5!? 17.cb5 ♕a4 18.0-0 ♖d5 19.♕e3∞) 17.dc6 ♕c6 18.0-0 ♘e4 is equal; 16.♖d1 c6! 17.d6!?



(17.0-0? cd5∓ Movsesian 2723 – Nakamura 2729, Banska Stiavnica 2010) 17...c5 18.0-0 ♖d6 19.h3≅ Thanks to his strong bishop and the bad position of Black’s queen we can say that White has compensation for the pawn.]



16...♔b8

[16...c6 17.dc6 (17.♖he1?! cd5 18.cd5 ♕e2 19.♖e2= Kuznetsov 2185 – Vokarev 2464, Pavlodar 2013) 17...♕c6 18.♖d8 ♖d8 19.f3±]

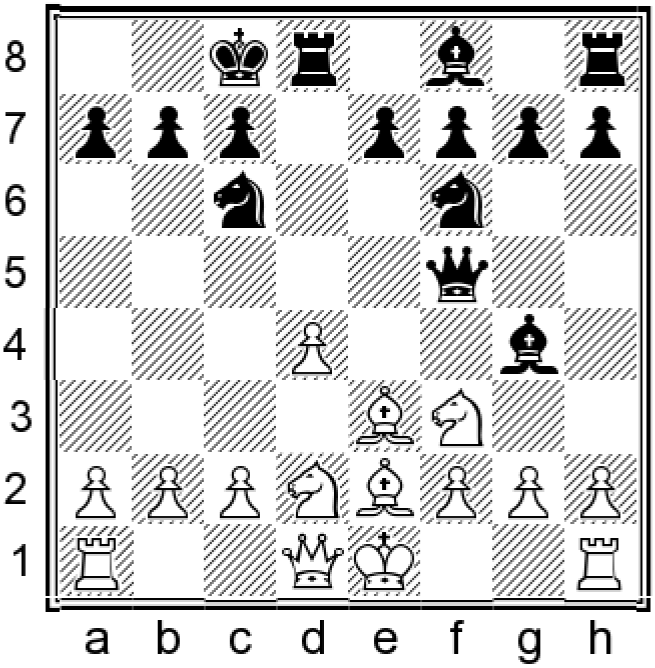
17.♖he1 ♘d7 18.♕g4 g6!? is equal.

Previously Black had faced some problems in Morozevich 2769 – Grischuk 2761, Moscow (blitz) 2012, after 18...♕g6?! 19.♕g6 hg6 20.h4±]

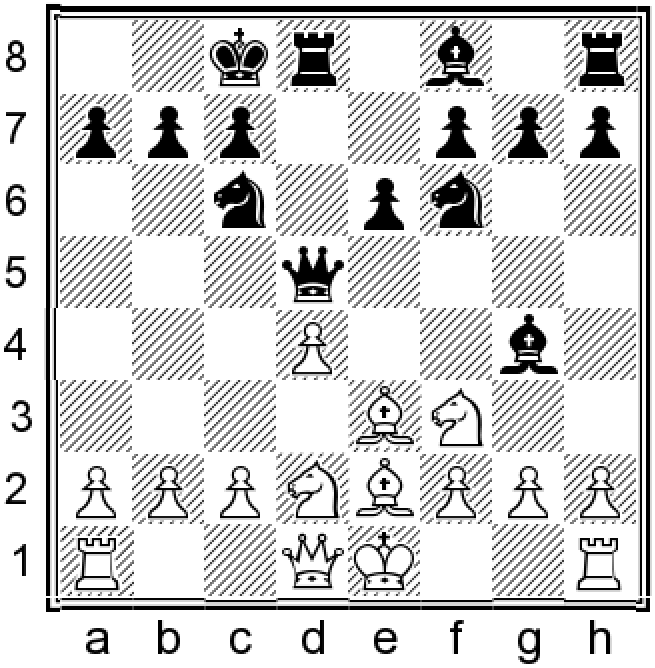
PART 2: 6...♘f6 7.♘bd2 ♕f5

Now let’s investigate the second variation:

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 ♕d5 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.d4 0-0-0 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘bd2 ♕f5



By far the most critical line. Black will go for a quick ...e7-e5 to open the position to his advantage.
[7...e6?!

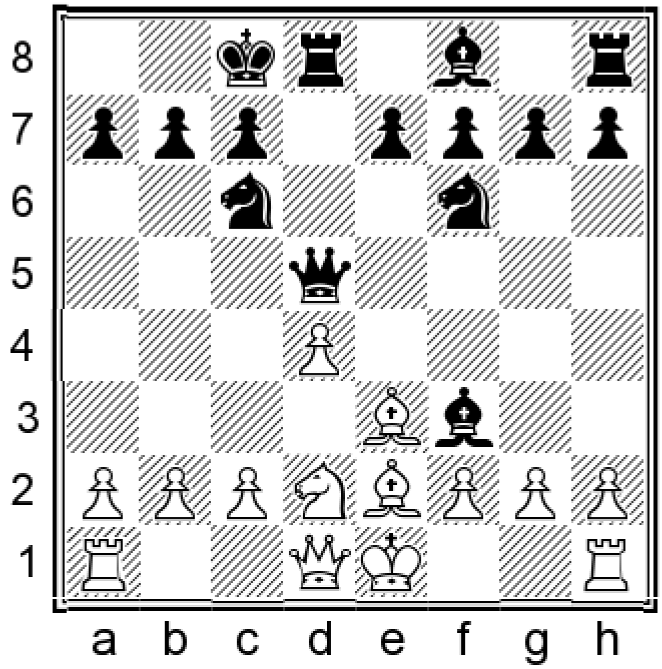


...is a bit slow and White should be able to prove his advantage in more than one way. 8.h3 ♗h5 9.0-0 ♕d7 (9...♖g8 10.a3 g5 11.g4! ♗g6?! 12.c4 ♕d7 13.b4± Zagrebelny 2497 – Mevel 2296, Cappelle la Grande 2006 Δ b5, ♘e5; 9...g5 10.♗g5 ♗e7 11.♗e3 ♖hg8 12.♔h1±)

A) 10.♘e5 ♗e2 (10...♘e5 11.♗h5 ♘c6 12.c3 ♘h5 13.♕h5± Δ b4) 11.♕e2 ♘e5 12.de5 ♘d5 13.♘e4 ♘e3 14.♕e3 (14.fe3!? ♕e8 15.♕f3 ♖d5 16.♕f4±) 14...♔b8 15.♕f3 ♕e8 16.♖ad1 ♖d1 17.♖d1 ♗e7± White's space advantage and the weakness of f7 give the first player a small advantage;

B) 10.c4 ♗g6 11.a3 ♘e4 12.♖c1± Δ b4. White's free initiative on the queenside gives him a clear advantage (12.b4?! ♘c3 13.♕e1 ♘e2 14.♕e2± Bedouin 2324 – R. Harutyunyan 1782, Sautron 2014);

7...♗f3!?

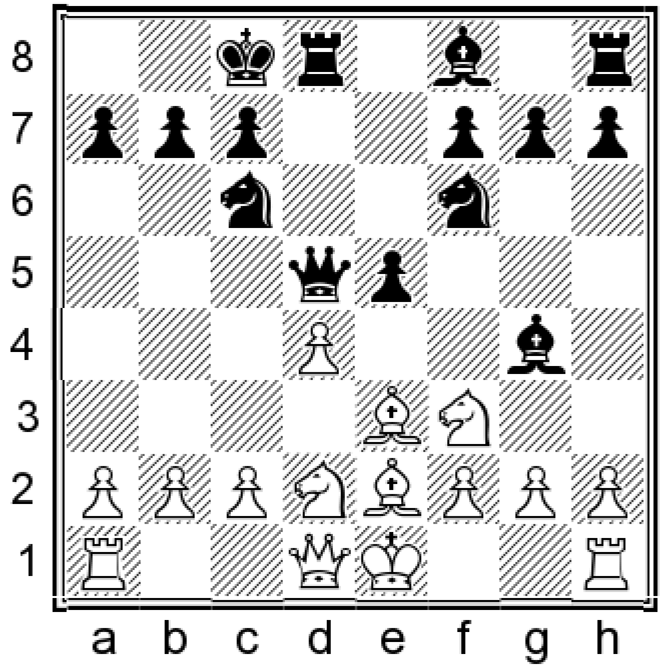


...looks unnatural but Black can play ...e7-e5 in case of ♘f3 or pressurise d4 if White takes with the bishop on f3. Nevertheless White retains a small advantage.

A) 8.♘f3 e5 9.de5 ♕e6 (9...♘e5 10.♕d5 ♖d5 11.♘e5 ♖e5 12.♗d4 ♖e6 13.♔f1±) 10.♕c1 ♘e5 11.0-0 ♘eg4 12.♘g5 ♕e8 13.♗g4 ♘g4 14.♗f4 (14.♗a7∞) 14...♗c5 15.♗g3 f6 16.♕f4 ♘e5 17.♕f5 ♕d7 18.♘e6 ♖he8 19.♘g7 ♕f5 20.♘f5 ♖d2=;

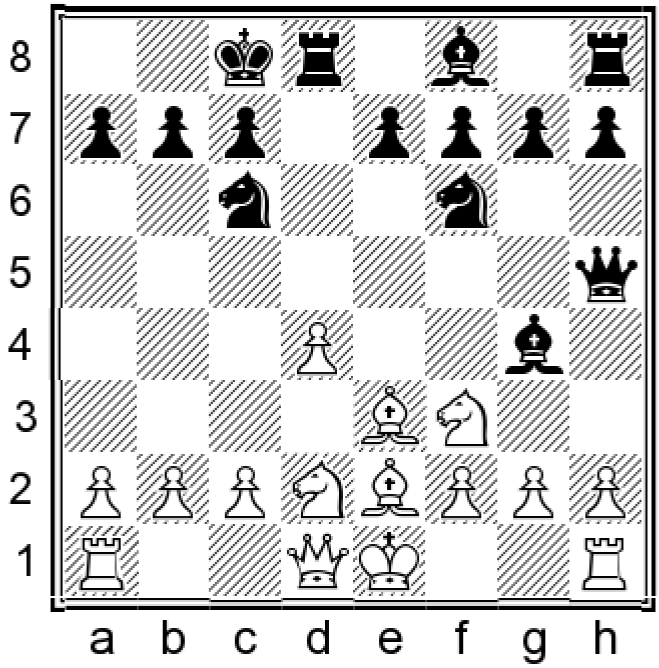
B) 8.♗f3 ♕d7 9.♗c6 (9.c3 e5 10.de5 ♘e5 11.0-0 ♘f3 12.♕f3 ♕d5 13.♗d4±; 9.♘c4!? ♘d4 10.♗d4 ♕d4 11.♕d4 ♖d4 12.♘e5 ♖g8 13.♘f7 g5 14.g3±) 9...♕c6 10.0-0± Δ c4;

7...e5?



8.c4 ♕a5 9.d5 ♗f3 (9...e4 10.♘g5 ♗e2 11.♕e2 ♘e5 12.0-0±) 10.♗f3 ♘d4 11.♗d4 ed4 12.0-0±;

7...♕h5?!



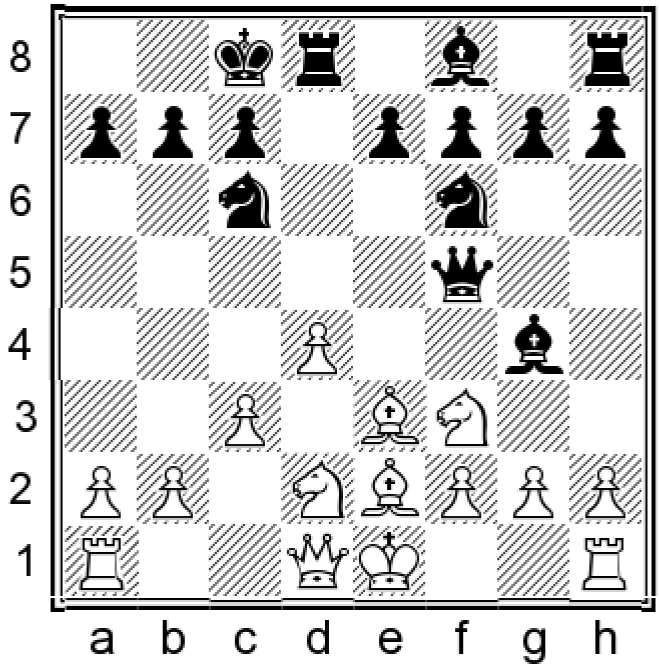
8.0-0 e5 9.h3! is simply bad for Black.]

8.0-0

There are a few alternatives of which 8.c4 is very critical.

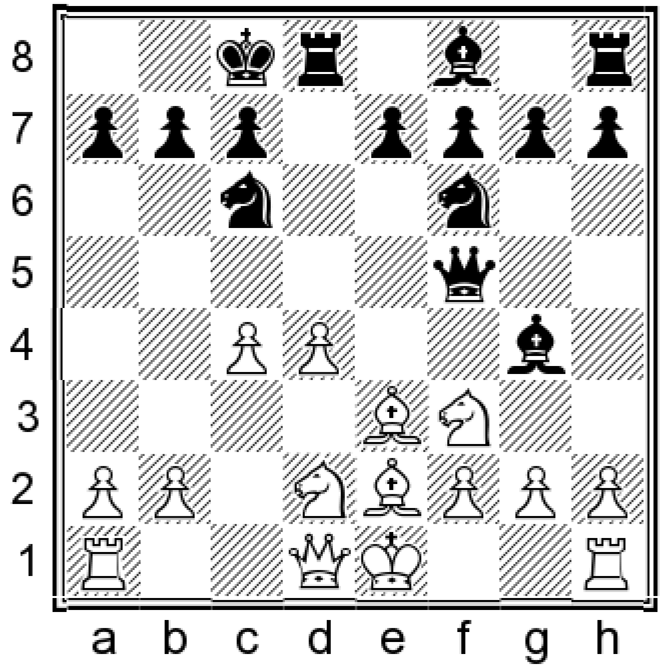
[8.h3 ♗f3 9.♘f3 e5 10.0-0 (10.g4? ♕e6∓ Cordts 2324 – Laylo 2448, Bad Wiessee 2006) 10...ed4 11.♘d4 ♘d4 12.♗d4 ♕f4 Black should be fine here;

8.c3



Such a move can be tried: 8...e5 9.de5!? (9.0-0 this move transposes to the main line) 9...♘e5 10.♕a4!? ♗f3 11.♘f3 ♗c5 12.♗c5 ♘f3 13.♗f3 ♕c5 14.0-0±;

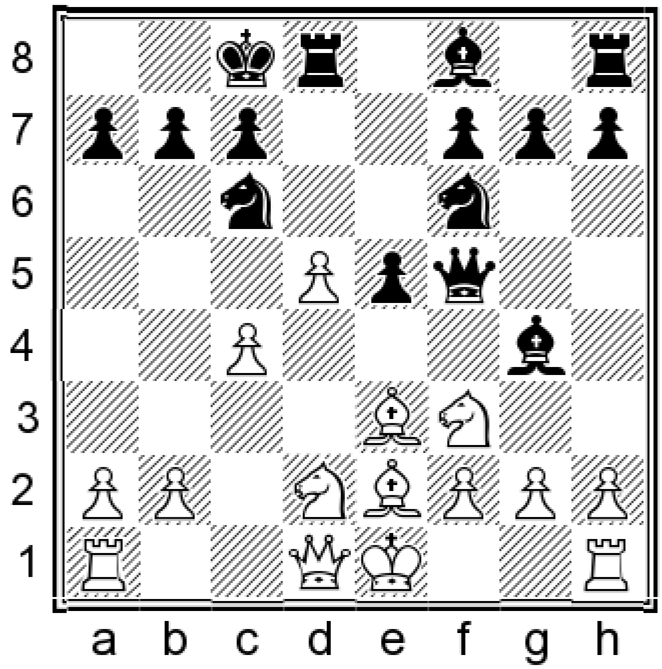
8.c4



...is also a critical line, let’s take a look at
8...e5

A) 9.de5?! cannot be recommended for White: 9...♘e5 10.♕a4?! (10.0-0 ♗f3 11.♗f3 c6 Black’s position seems preferable to me. 12.♕a4? ♖d2! 13.♗d2 ♘f3 14.gf3 ♗d6∓) 10...♗f3! (10...a6?! 11.0-0-0 ♘d3 12.♗d3 ♖d3 13.h3 Kolev 2568 – Laylo 2496, Chicago 2008, and White was able to hold the draw.) 11.♘f3 ♘fg4!
A1) 12.♕a7 ♗b4 13.♔f1 ♘e3 14.♕e3 (14.fe3 c6∓) 14...♖he8∓;
A2) 12.♗a7 ♘d3 13.♗d3 ♕d3 14.♗e3 ♗b4! 15.♕b4 ♘e3 16.fe3 ♖he8∓;
A3) 12.0-0 ♘e3 13.fe3 ♗c5⩱;

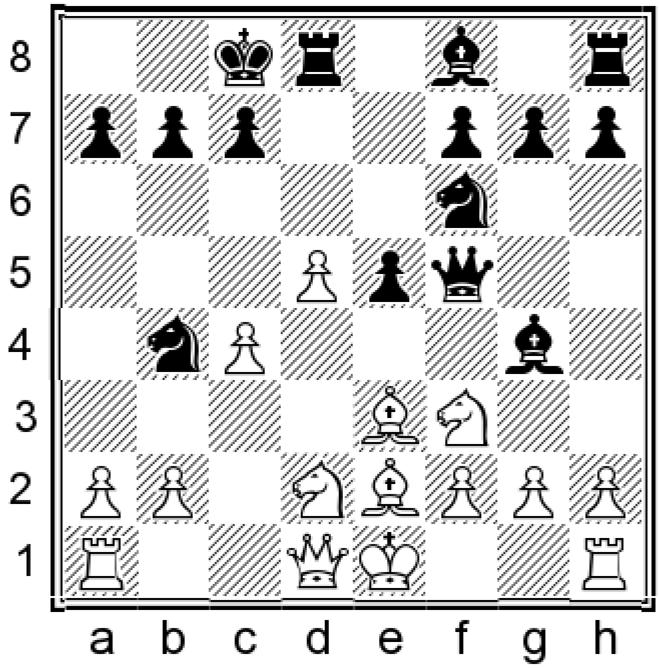
B) 9.d5



To which Black has one interesting and one usual continuation.
B1) Not 9...♗f3? 10.♘f3 e4 (10...♗b4 11.♔f1! ♘g4 12.♕b3±) 11.♘d2 ♘e5 12.0-0±;

B2) But 9...♘d4!? could be tried. 10.♗d4 (10.♘d4?! ed4 11.♗d4 ♗e2 12.♕e2 ♖e8 13.♗e3 ♘g4=∞ doesn't look good for White but the engines say that he might be able to hold.) 10...ed4 11.♘d4 ♕f4 (11...♕e5!? 12.♘2f3 ♗f3 13.♘f3 ♗b4 14.♔f1 ♕b2 15.♖b1 ♕a3 16.♖b3 ♕a4∞) 12.♘4f3 ♗c5 13.0-0 ♖he8 is maybe worth a try for Black as his active pieces and two bishops should be enough compensation;

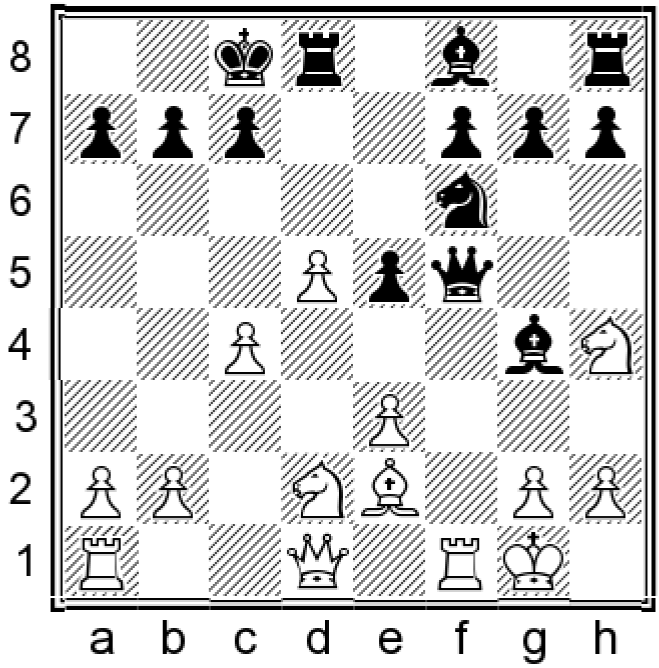
B3) 9...♘b4



...is the main idea for Black.

B3a) 10.♖c1?! White doesn't have the luxury of losing another tempo in order to prohibit ...♘c2. 10...e4 11.♘d4 (11.a3 ef3 12.gf3 ♗h5 13.ab4 ♗b4∓) 11...♕g6 12.♗g4 (12.♕a4?! ♗e2 13.♔e2 a6∓ Sie Thu 2237 – Laylo 2516, Jakarta 2011) 12...♘g4 13.0-0 ♘d3∓;

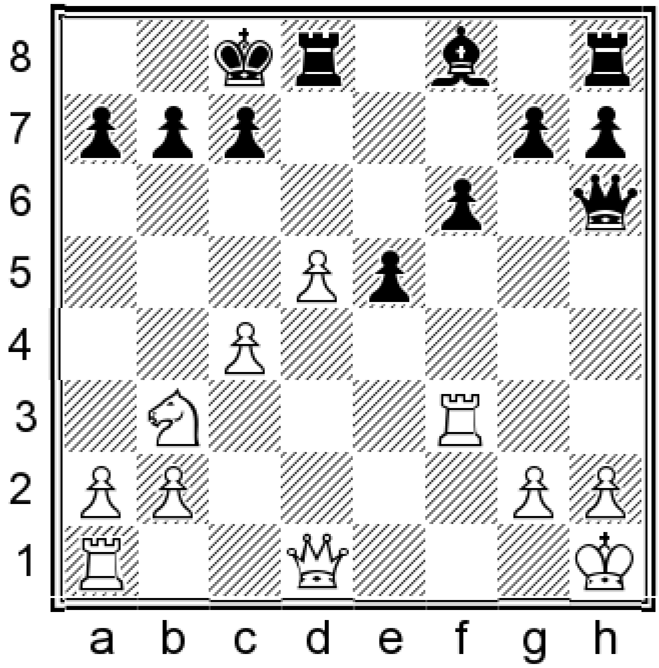
B3b) 10.0-0 ♘c2 Now, following a more or less forced sequence of moves, we will reach an interesting position. 11.♘h4 (11.h3 ♗h3! 12.gh3 ♘e3 13.fe3 ♕h3 14.♖f2 ♘g4→; 11.♖c1 ♘e3 12.fe3 ♗c5∓ looks very comfortable for Black.) 11...♘e3! (11...♗e2 12.♘f5 ♗d1 13.♖ad1∞) 12.fe3 (12.♘f5 ♘d1 13.♗g4 ♘f2!∓)



12...♕g5 13.♗g4 ♘g4 14.♘f5 ♘e3 15.♘e3 We have now reached the critical moment of this line and Black has two possible choices:

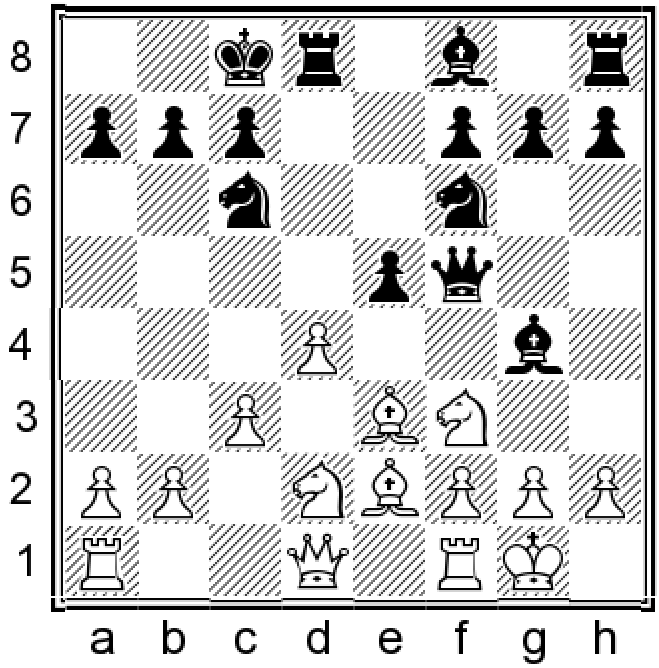
B3b1) 15...♗c5?! 16.♔h1 ♗e3 17.♘f3 ♕h5 (17...♕f4 18.♕b3∞) 18.♕e1! ♗f4?! (18...♗d4 19.♘d4 ed4 20.♕e4 f6 21.♕d4 ♔b8 22.♖ae1 ♖he8 23.♕d2 a6 24.h3±) 19.g3 e4 20.♘d4 ♗d6 21.♘f5 ♔b8 (21...♗e5?? 22.♘e7 ♔b8 23.♖f5+– Istratescu 2627 – Jo. Horvath 2508, Aschach 2014) 22.♘g7±;

B3b2) 15...♕e3 16.♔h1 f6 17.♖f3 (17.♕c2 c6! 18.♘e4 cd5 19.cd5 ♔b8∓) 17...♕h6 (17...♕b6 18.♕c2 ♔b8 19.♘e4⯹) 18.♘b3!

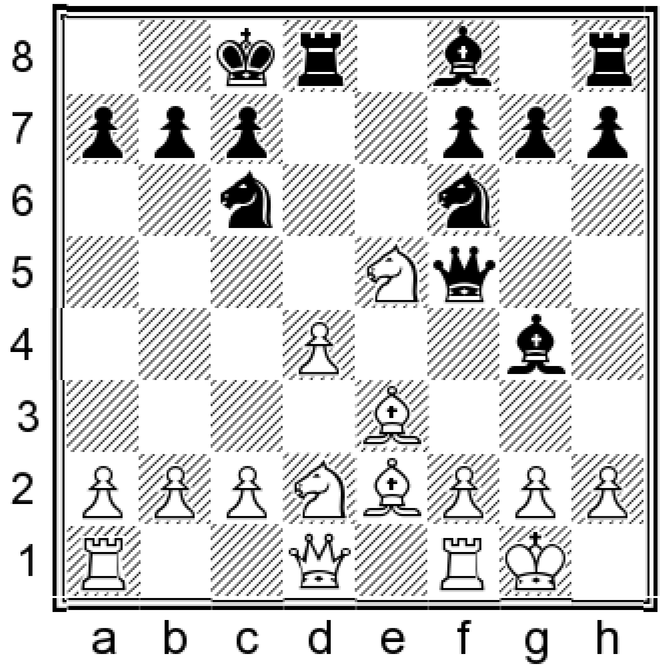


The knight must use a different route and the correct way is to go to a5 (18.♘e4 ♕g6 19.♕e2∓ White has some compensation for the sacrificed pawn but I cannot imagine that Black should have any problem playing this position.) 18...♗e7 19.♘a5 ♗c5 20.♕b3 ♗b6 21.♘b7 ♔b7 22.c5∞]

8...e5 9.c3!?



This is an interesting alternative that leads to a complex middlegame. Practical tests will show if White can prove an advantage here.
[9.♘e5



This seems quite safe for White. Maybe he can achieve some tiny advantage but I don’t think that Black has anything serious to worry about.

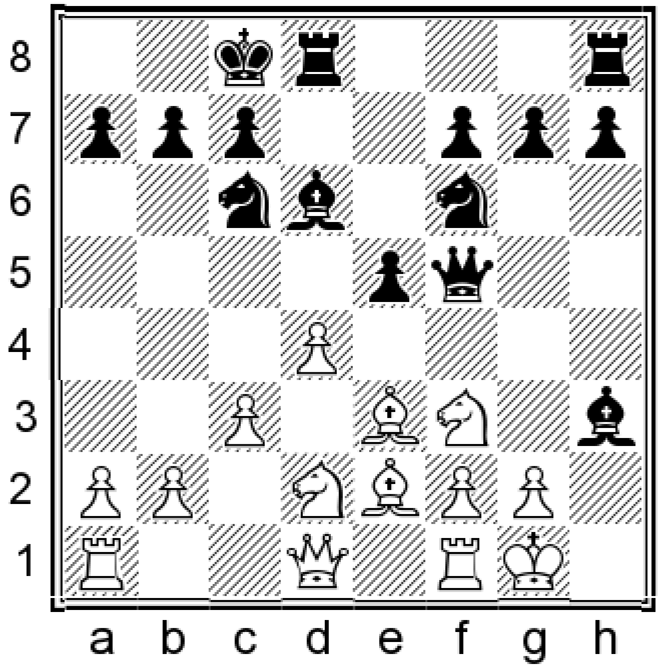
9...♗e2 (9...♘e5 10.de5 ♗e2 11.♕e2 ♕e5 leads to 9...♗e2) 10.♕e2

A) 10...♘d4? 11.♗d4 ♖d4 12.♘f7 ♖g8 (12...♕d5 13.♘h8 ♖d2 14.♕f3 ♕g8 15.♖ad1 ♖d1 16.♖d1 ♗d6 17.♕f5 ♔b8 18.g4!±) 13.♘b3±;

B) 10...♘e5 11.de5 ♕e5
B1) 12.♘c4!? ♕f5 13.♖fe1 (13.♗a7 b6 14.a4 ♖e8 15.♕d1 ♖d8∞) 13...♖e8⇄ (13...♗c5 14.g4!↑);
B2) 12.♘f3
B2a) 12...♕h5 13.♗a7±;
B2b) 12...♕e4 13.♘g5 (13.♖fe1 ♖d5 14.c4 ♖h5 15.♗g5 ♕e2 16.♖e2 ♗d6 17.h3 h6 18.♗d2 b5 19.cb5 ♖b5 20.♗c3 ♘d5 21.♗g7± Ni Hua 2545 – Smerdon 2382, Goa 2002) 13...♕g6 14.♕c4 ♘d5 15.♖ad1 c6 16.♘h3! (16.♕g4 f5 17.♕f3 ♗d6∞ Azarov 2566 – Krivoshey 2484, Internet (blitz) 2006) 16...♘e3 17.♖d8 ♔d8 18.fe3↑;
B2c) 12...♕a5!? 13.♕c4 (13.♗d4 ♗c5 14.♗f6 gf6 15.a3 ♗d6 16.♖fe1 ♖hg8 17.g3 ♕h5 18.b4) 13...♕d5 14.♕a4 ♗c5 15.♗c5 ♕c5 16.b4 ♕b6 17.c4 ♖he8∞]

9...♗d6
[9...e4?! 10.♘g5 ♗e2 11.♕e2 ♕g6 12.f3 ef3 13.♕f3 ♖e8 14.♘c4 h6 15.♕h3 ♔b8 16.♘f3 ♗d6 17.♖ae1±; 9...ed4 10.cd4 ♔b8 11.♖c1±]

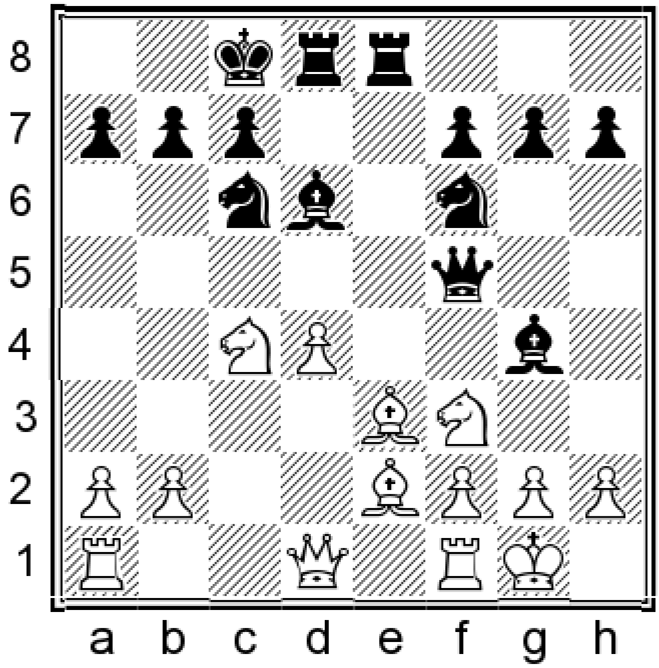
10.♘c4!?
White must put pressure on the very strong bishop on d6 and also prepare h3 which is essential due to a number of tactical points. [An immediate 10.h3 would be premature because of 10...♗h3! (10...♗h5 11.de5 ♘e5 12.♘h4! ♗e2 13.♘f5 ♗d1 14.♖ad1 ♗f8 15.♗d4±; 10...♗f3 11.♗f3±)



11.de5 (11.♘h4 ♕d7 12.d5 ♘d5 13.gh3 h5∞) 11...♘e5 12.♘e5 ♕e5 13.♘f3 ♕f5 14.gh3 ♕h3 15.♕d4 g5! 16.♕f6 ♕g4=; 10.♖e1 ed4 (10...e4?! 11.♘h4 ♕h5 12.♗g4 ♘g4 13.h3 ♕h4 14.♕g4 ♕g4 15.hg4 and White is clearly better.) 11.cd4 (11.♘d4 ♘d4 12.♗d4 ♖he8⇄) 11...♘d5 12.♕b3∞]

10...ed4
[10...e4 11.♘g5 ♗e2 12.♕e2 ♕g6 13.f3±]

11.cd4 ♖he8
[11...♕h5? 12.h3± ♗h3?! 13.♘fe5 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕e4 15.♗f3 ♕f5 16.♘c6 bc6 17.♗c6 ♗f1 18.♕f1+– and White's attack will be lethal;
also bad is 11...♘d5?! 12.♘d6 cd6 (12...♖d6? 13.♘h4+–) 13.h3±;
11...h5?! 12.h3 ♗h3 13.gh3 ♕h3 14.♘d6 ♖d6 15.♘g5±]



12.h3!? A complicated position. Black is faced with an important dilemma: to take on h3 or not?

[12.♖c1 ♔b8 13.♘d6 (13.h3 ♗h3 14.gh3 ♘d5!→) 13...♖d6∞]

12...♗h3
[12...♗h5 13.♕a4 ♔b8 (13...♘d5? 14.♘h4!+–) 14.♘ce5±]

13.gh3 ♕h3 14.♘d6 ♖d6 15.♗f4 ♖d5 16.♖e1 ♕g4 17.♗g3 ♖e3!? 18.♘h2±

Conclusion

In the line 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘bd2 only the move 7...♕f5 promises a good game for Black. An important game, perhaps even for the whole variation, is Istratescu – Horvath. I am talking about the 8.c4 e5 9.d5 ♘b4 line.

8.0-0, with the idea of meeting 8...e5 with 9.c3 leads to interesting positions with mutual chances and I think that White should turn his attention to that setup.

In the variation 6.♗e3 e5 7.c4 ♕a5 8.♗d2 Black is presented with an interesting choice. 8...♗b4 is quite solid while 8...♕a6 suits Black players who have done their homework and are willing to take some risks. After 8...♗b4 9.d5 ♗f3 10.♗f3 I would say that 10...♘d4 is the best move, though 10...♗d2 is fully playable. After 10...♘d4 11.♘c3 ♕a6! (11...♕c5 is probably dubious) Black seems to equalize, or at least obtains playable, albeit unclear, positions. Games such as Movsesian – Nakamura and Morozevich – Grischuk prove that Black has no problems.

Instead perhaps 11.a3 could be – and I would add should be – tested more. To wrap this up I would say that 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.d4 ♗g4 is still the main line of the 3.♘f3 Scandinavian and leads to interesting positions with chances for both sides.
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MARSHALL ATTACK

So many times in the past have we read similar introductions to books and articles on the famous Marshall Gambit in the Spanish Opening that it is really quite difficult to find anything new to say. Therefore let's just repeat that Frank Marshall first played it in a legendary game against Capablanca in 1919 at the Manhattan Chess Club, although in rather a different form from that seen in modern times as he played 11...♘f6 instead of 11...c6.

However, we should also add that nowadays the pawn sacrifice appears to be completely correct, so we no longer even call it a gambit but simply refer to it as the Marshall Attack. Many strong players have been served well by this enterprising variation and it speaks for itself that even in today's computer era it has maintained its untarnished reputation and consistently proved itself to be one of the most effective responses to 1.e4.

Black's initiative-seeking play causes White serious problems in gaining an advantage and a considerable amount of new theory has even been developed to sidestep the Marshall altogether with other potentially more promising ideas for White. Energetic debates are continually taking place throughout the world and these are further contributing to our knowledge of the full extent of this area of opening play.

Here we will deal with the usual lines from a contemporary perspective, which means that analysis may be quite deep due to the use of computers for analysis. And, indeed, it is computer engines which so often reveal improvements concealed in the arising sharp positions. One particularly noteworthy theme we will frequently come across in our analysis is the importance of Black's bishop pair, which is a major asset when Black is seeking compensation for the sacrificed pawn.

Regular adherents of the Marshall – world class grandmasters Aronian, Leko and Svidler to name a few – are continually developing the theory of the opening in practical play, so there is a presently a great deal of material available for analysis and assessment.

After the usual initial sequence of moves **1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5 10.♘e5 ♘e5 11.♖e5 c6** we reach our main position after which the variations split up.

White now has various possibilities and we will present fresh ideas as well as the existing theory.

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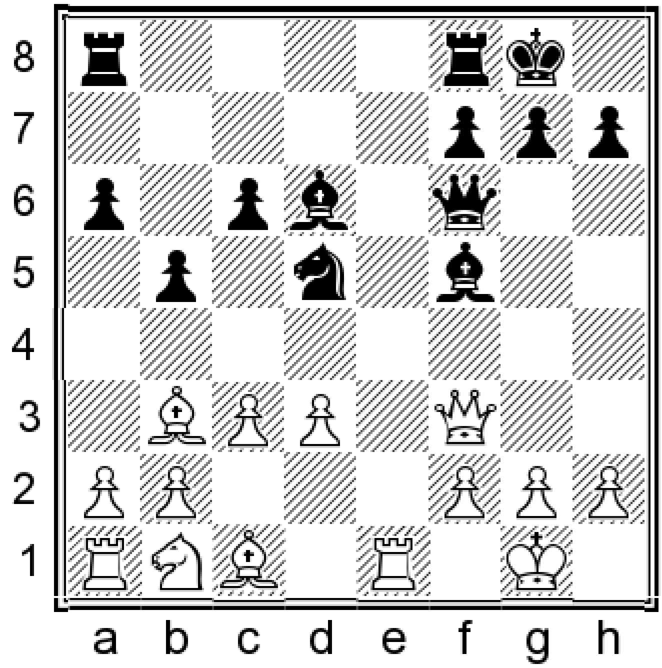
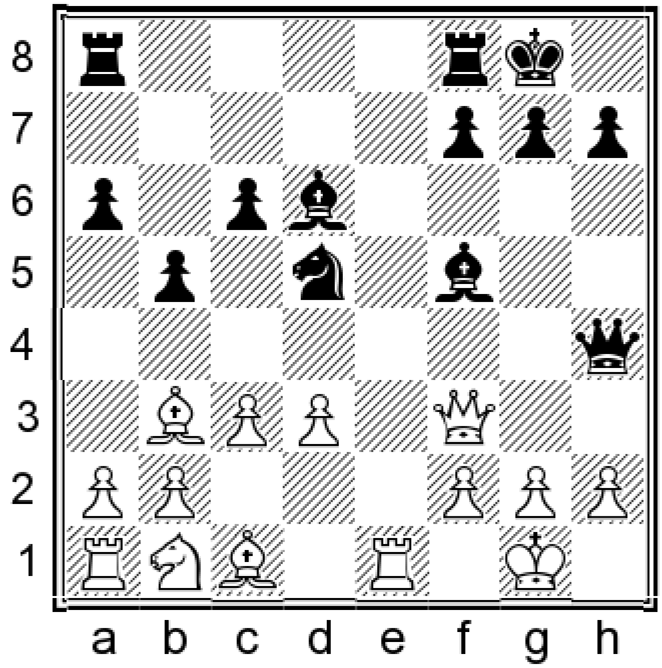
First let's deal with 12.d3 which is the most popular choice nowadays in attempting to gain some kind of advantage for White.

There are two principal positions from which Black endeavours to generate counterplay:

A) 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5 14.♕f3 ♕f6

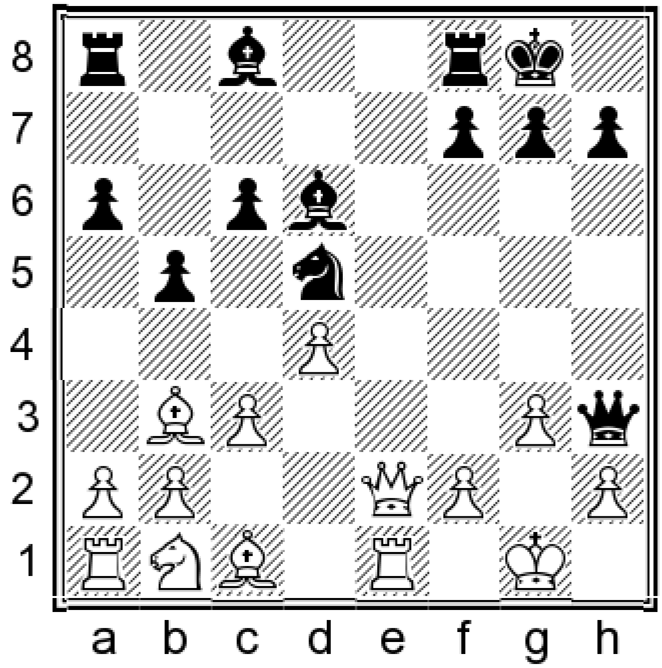


B) 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5 14.♕f3 ♕h4

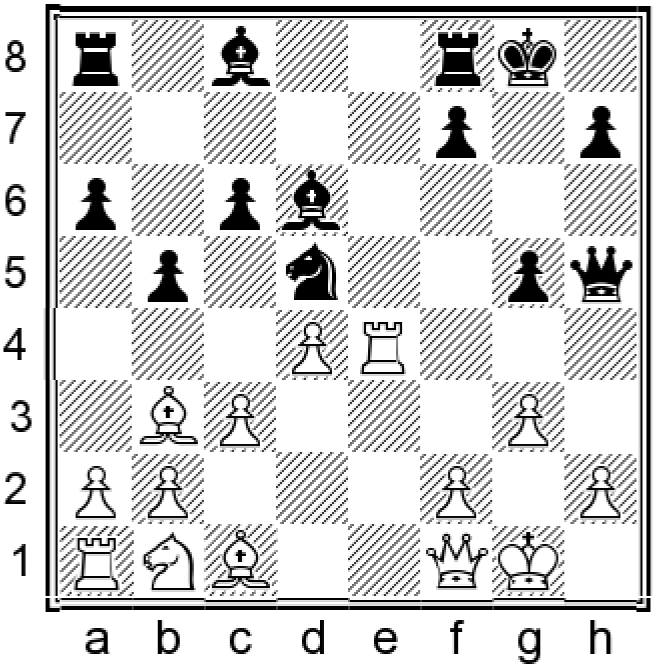


After investigating these we will deal with some interesting ideas when White adopts the main move 12. d4.

C) 12.d4 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 15.♕e2

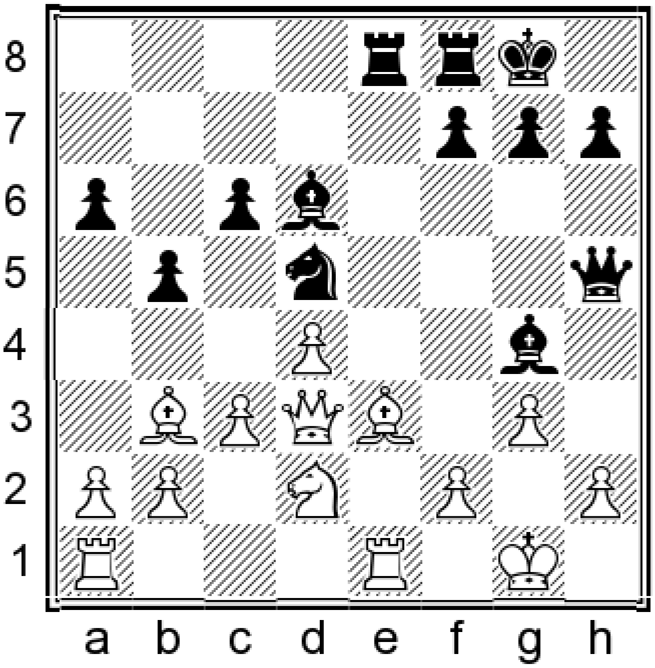


D) 12.d4 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 15.♖e4 g5 16.♕f1 ♕h5



Finally we will look at what has been considered for decades the Main Line:

E) 12.d4 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 15.♗e3 ♗g4 16.♕d3 ♖ae8 17.♘d2 ♕h5



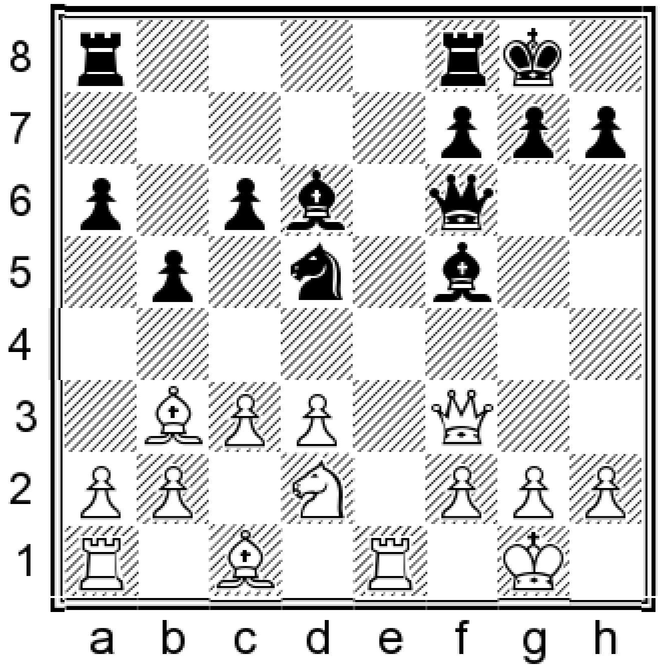
12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5 – 14...♕f6

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5 10.♘e5 ♘e5 11.♖e5 c6 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5 14.♕f3

[Other moves do not promise White much, e.g.14.g3 ♖e8 15.♖e8 ♕e8 16.a4 b4 17.d4 ♗h3 18.cb4 ♗b4 19.♘a3 ♕e4 20.f3 ♕e7 21.♘c2 ♖e8 22.♗d2 (22.♗c4 ♗f5 23.♗a6 ♗c2 24.♕c2 ♕e1 25.♔g2 ♘e3 26.♗e3 ♕a1 27.♕b3 ♕e1 28.♗f2 ♕d2∞) 22...♗d6 23.♗c4 ♕f6 24.♗a6 ♗f5 25.a5 h5! and Black has a strong attack;

14.♘d2 ♘f4 15.♘e4 ♘d3 16.♖e3 ♗e4 17.♖e4 ♖e8 18.♖e8 ♕e8 19.♗g5 ♕e5 20.♕d3 ♕h2 21.♔f1 ♕h1 22.♔e2 ♕a1 23.♕d6 ♕b2 24.♗d2 a5 25.♕c6 ♖d8 26.♗d5 ♔h8 27.♕c7 ♖e8 28.♔d3 ♕b1 29.♔d4 ♕d1=]

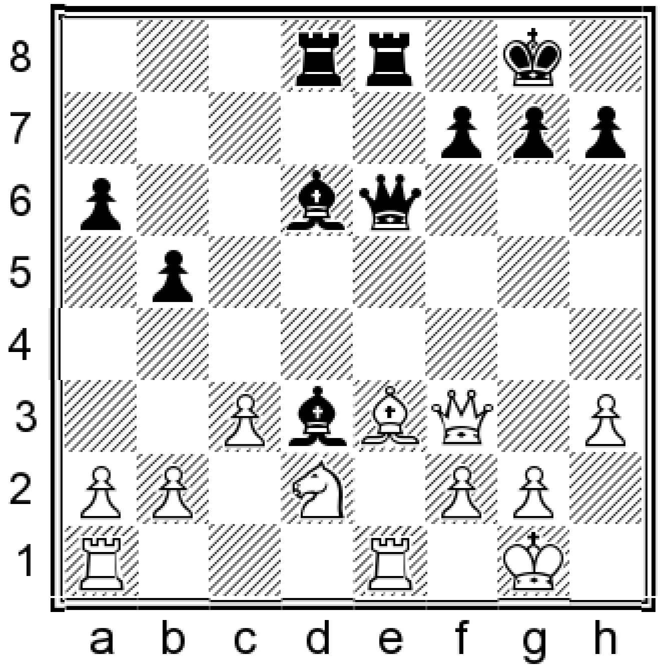
14...♕f6 15.♘d2



[15.♗d5 cd5

A) 16.♗e3 ♕e5 17.g3 ♗d3 18.♘d2 ♖fe8 19.♔g2 ♕e6! (19...♗e4 20.♘e4 de4 21.♕e2 ♗f8 22.♖ad1 ♕e6 23.a3= Vallejo Pons 2693 – Atalik 2562, Bangkok 2014) 20.♗f4 (20.♖ad1 ♗f5∓) 20...♗e2!∓;

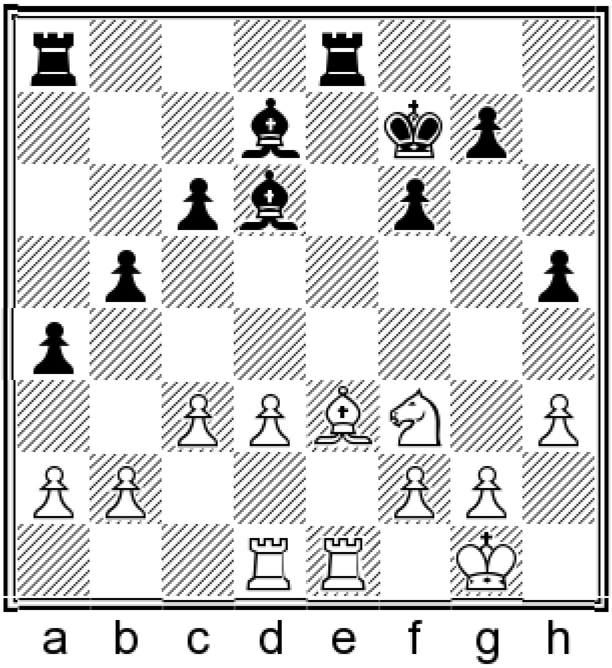
B) 16.♕d5
B1) 16...♕g6 17.♘d2 ♖ad8 18.♕f3 ♗d3 19.♕e3 (19.♘f1 ♖fe8 20.♗e3 ♗e4 21.♕h3 ♗d5⯹) 19...f6 20.♕h3 ♖fe8–+ Wang Jue 2364 – A. Muzychuk 2598, Batumi 2012;
B2) 16...♖fe8!? 17.♗e3 ♖ad8 18.♕f3 ♕g6 19.h3 ♗d3 20.♘d2 ♕e6⯹



C) 16.♗f4 ♗f4 17.♕f4 d4! 18.cd4 ♖ad8 19.♘c3 ♖d4 20.♕f3 (20.♘e4 ♕e6 21.♕e3 ♕d5 22.♖ad1 h6 23.f3 ♖d8 24.b3 a5 25.♖e2 ♖d3 26.♖d3 ♕d3 Black is fine.) 20...♗d3 21.♕f6 gf6 22.♖ad1 ♖fd8 23.f3 b4 24.♘e2 ♖4d7 25.a3 ♗b5 26.♖d7

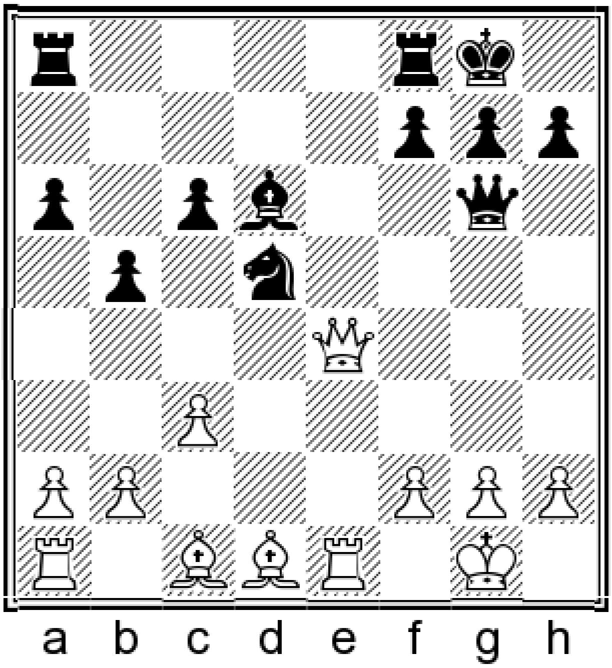
♖d7 27.ab4 ♖d2 28.♘c3 ♖b2 The position is equal;

15.♗e3 ♖fe8 16.♘d2 ♕e6 17.♕e2 a5 18.♘e4 (18.♘f3 a4 19.♗d5 ♕d5 20.♘d4 ♗d7 21.♕f3 ♕f3 22.♘f3 f6 23.h3 h5 24.♖ad1 ♔f7



Here, typically for the Marshall, Black has compensation for the sacrificed pawn in his bishop pair and very good structure.) 18...♗e4 19.de4 ♕e4 20.♕d2 ♘e3 21.♖e3 ♗f4 22.♖e4 ♗d2 23.♖e8 ♖e8 24.♔f1 ♔f8 25.♗c2 g6=]

15...♕g6 16.♗d1 ♗d3 17.♘e4 ♗e4 18.♕e4



18...♕e4

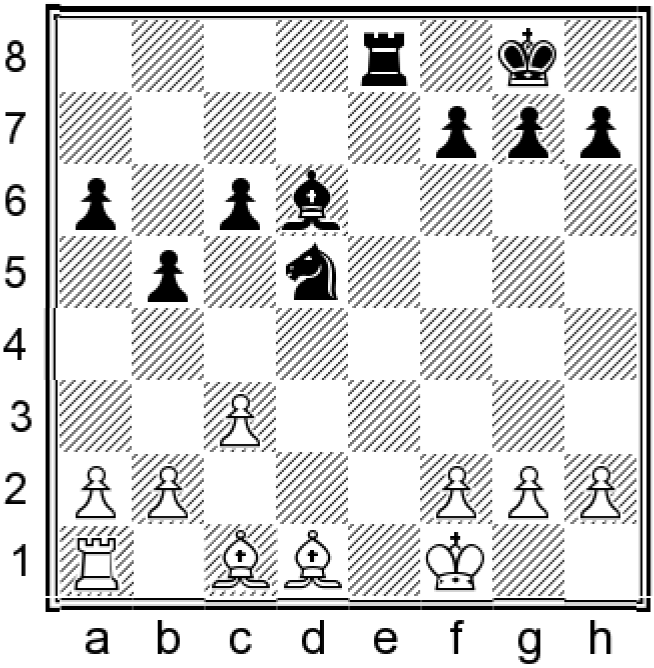
[The alternative 18...f5 is also okay:

A) 19.♕d3 ♖ad8 20.♗b3 ♔h8 21.♗d5 ♗b8 22.♕f3 (22.c4 bc4 23.♕c4 cd5 24.♕d4 f4⇄) 22...♖d5 23.a4 b4 24.cb4 ♕d6 25.g3 ♕b4 26.♕c3 ♗d6=;

B) 19.♕d4 ♖ad8 20.♗b3 f4 21.a4 ♔h8 22.♗d5 cd5 23.f3 ♗c7 24.♔h1 h6 25.ab5 ab5 26.♗d2 ♗b6 27.♕b4 ♕c6=;

C) 19.♕e6 ♕e6 20.♖e6 ♖ae8 21.♖e8 ♖e8 22.♔f1 ♔f7 23.g3 (23.♗h5 g6 24.♗f3 ♗e5 25.♗d2 h5 26.g3 ♗f6 27.h4 ♖d8=) 23...♖d8 24.a4 b4 25.cb4 ♗b4 26.a5 ♔f6 27.h4 h6 28.♗e2 ♖e8 29.b3 ♗c3 30.♖a4 ♘b4 O'Toole – Kahl, corr. 2014]

19.♖e4 ♖ae8 20.♖e8 ♖e8 21.♔f1



21...♗f4
[21...♗e5 22.♗d2

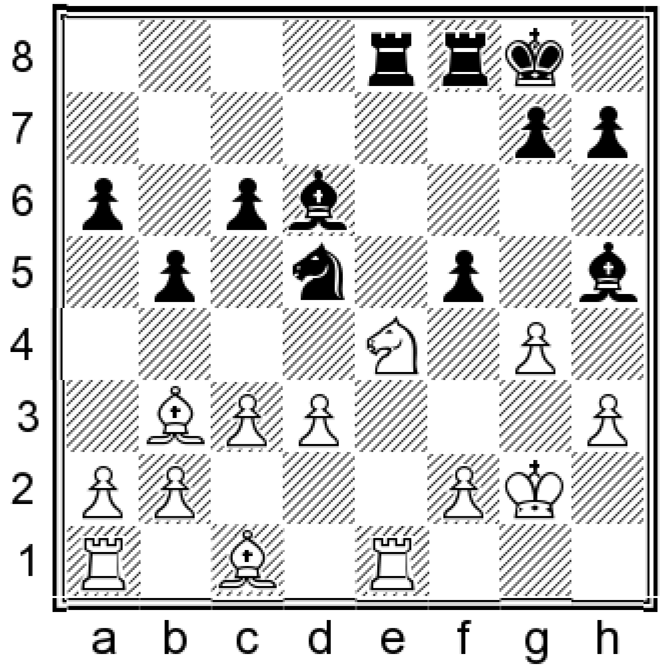
A) 22...b4 23.♖c1 (23.cb4 ♗b2 24.♖b1 ♗c3 25.♗c3 ♘c3 26.♖a1 c5 27.bc5 ♖c8 28.♖c1 ♖c5 29.♗e2 a5 30.♔e1 ♔f8=) 23...bc3 24.bc3 ♗f4 25.♗f4 ♘f4 26.♗f3 ♘d5 27.c4 ♘b4 28.♖b1 c5 29.a3 ♘c2 30.♗d5 ♔f8 31.g3 ♘a3 32.♖b2 g6 33.h4 h5 34.♖b7 Caruana 2774 – Kasimdzhanov 2699, Thessaloniki 2013;

B) 22...♖d8 23.♗b3 ♔f8 (23...c5 24.♖e1 ♗f4 25.♗f4 ♘f4 26.g3 ♘g6 27.a4 ♔f8 28.♗c2 ♖d2=) 24.a4 ♖b8 25.ab5 ♖b5 26.♗d5 cd5 27.f4 ♗f6 28.♖a2 a5 29.♔e2 ♔e7=]

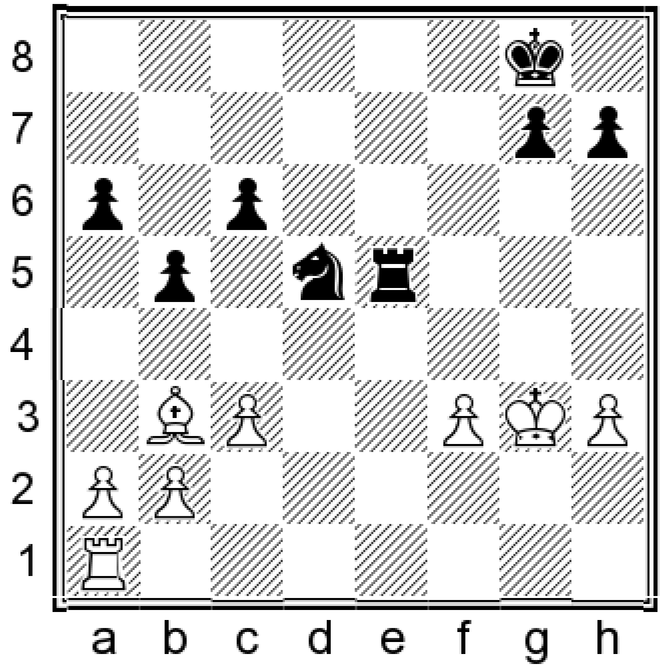
22.♗f3 ♗c1 23.♖c1 ♔f8 24.a3 ♖d8 25.c4 ♘f4 26.♗c6 ♘d3 27.♖c2 bc4 28.♖c4 ♘b2 29.♖c2 ♖c8 30.♔e2 ♔e7 31.♗e4 ♖c2 32.♗c2 ♘c4 33.♗d3 ♘a3 34.♗a6 ½:½ Anand 2770 – Svidler 2758, Khanty-Mansiysk 2014]

12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5 – 14.♕h4

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5 10.♘e5 ♘e5 11.♖e5 c6 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5 14.♕f3 ♕h4 15.g3 ♕h3 16.♗d5
[16.♘d2 ♖ae8 17.♘e4 ♗g4 18.♕g2 ♕g2 19.♔g2 f5 20.h3 ♗h5 21.g4!?



An interesting attempt to play for a win (21.♗f4 ♗f4 22.gf4 fe4 23.de4 ♗f3 24.♔f3 ♖f4 25.♔g3 ♖fe4 26.♖e4 ♖e4 27.f3 ♖e5



28.c4 bc4 29.♗c4 a5 30.♖c1 ♔f8 31.♗d3 ♖g5 32.♔f2 ♘b4 33.♗h7 g6 34.♖d1 ♘a2=, as in Radjabov 2734 – Svidler 2739, Wijk an Zee 2015, and also before that in some other games, doesn't offer White any chances to play for a win.) 21...fg4 22.hg4 ♗g4 23.a4 b4

A) 24.c4 ♘f4 25.♗f4 ♗f4 26.c5 ♔h8 27.♘d6!? ♗f3 28.♔f1 ♖e1 29.♖e1 h5 30.♖e7 (30.a5?! g5 31.♗c4? h4–+; 30.d4 h4 31.♗e6 g5 32.♗h3 ♗d2 33.♖e7 g4 34.♗g2 h3 35.♗f3 ♖f3∓) 30...h4 31.♗e6 ♖f6 32.♗c8 a5 33.♖e8 ♔h7 34.♘e4 ♗e4 35.♖e4 b3=;

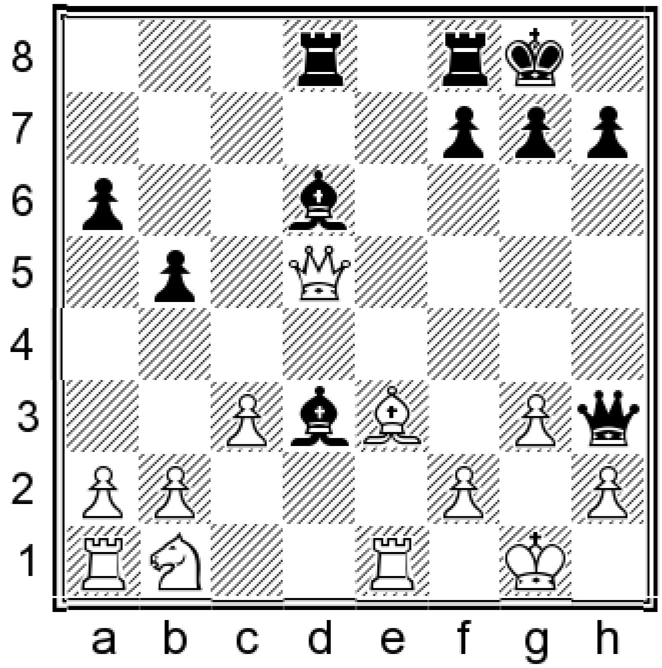
B) 24.♗d2!? bc3 25.♘d6 ♖d8 26.bc3 ♖d6 27.♖e5 ♗f5 28.♗c4 ♖g6 29.♔f1 h5 30.♗e3 h4 31.♔e2 ♗g4 32.♔d2 ♗f3 33.♖e4!? h3 34.♖h4 ♖b8⇄;

16.♗e3 ♗d3 17.♘d2 ♕f5 18.♗d4 ♖fe8 19.a4 h6 (19...♔f8!? 20.ab5 ♖e1 21.♖e1 ab5 22.♔g2 ♘e7 23.♖e3 ♕f3 24.♔f3

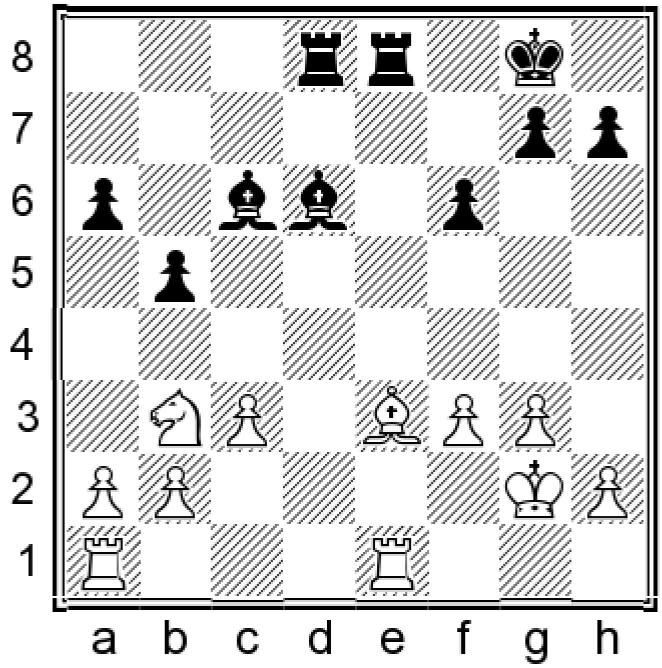
♗g6 25.♘e4 ♗e4 26.♖e4 ♘f5=) 20.♔g2 (20.♖e8 ♖e8 21.ab5 ab5 22.♔g2 ♖e2∞) 20...♕f3 (RR 20...♖e1 Naiditsch 2706 – Caruana 2811, Baden-Baden 2015 – 124/(114) 21.♔f3 ♖e1 22.♖e1 ♗f5 23.♘e4 ♗f8 24.♘c5 ♘b6 25.g4 ♘d7 26.gf5 ♘c5 27.♗c5 ♗c5 28.♖d1 ♔f8 29.♖d7 ♖a7= Adams 2740 – Aronian 2805, Tromso (ol) 2014]

16...cd5 17.♗e3
[17.♕d5 ♖ad8 18.♕g2 ♕g2 19.♔g2 ♗d3 20.♗e3 transposes to 19.♕g2]

17...♗d3 18.♕d5 ♖ad8



19.♕f3 The alternative offers even less as we have seen in a few rather older games.
[19.♕g2 ♕g2 20.♔g2 ♗e4 21.f3 ♗c6 22.♘d2 ♖fe8 23.♘b3 f6



24.♗b6 ♖e1 25.♖e1 ♖d7 26.♖d1 ♔f7 27.♗c5 ♗c7 28.♖d7 ♗d7 29.♘d2 h5 30.♗d4 ♗c6 31.b3 f5 32.♔f2 g5 33.♗e3 g4 34.f4 ♔e6 35.♗d4 ½:½ was played in Bacrot 2705 – Aronian 2757, Kallithea 2008]

19...♗f5

[19...f5!? 20.♕g2 ♕g2 21.♔g2 f4 22.♗d4 (22.gf4 ♗e4 23.f3 ♗c6 24.♘d2 ♗f4 25.♗f4 ♖f4 26.♖e2 ♖d3=∞) 22...f3 23.♔g1 ♗e2 24.♘d2 b4 25.♖ac1 ♖fe8=∞]

20.♘d2

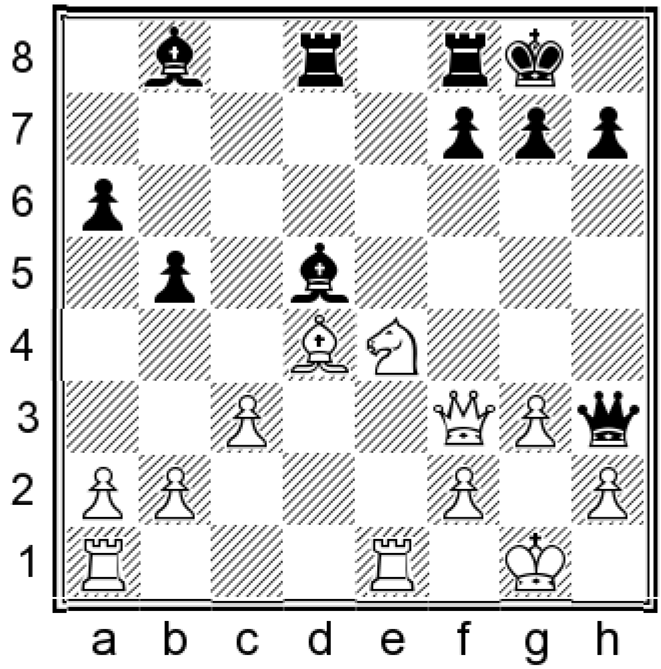
[White can use different move orders to get the same position, for instance: 20.♕g2 ♕g2 21.♔g2 ♗e4 22.f3 ♗c6 takes us back to the note 19.♕g2 and the Bacrot – Aronian game.]

20...♗e6 21.♗d4

[An interesting attempt is 21.a4!? b4 22.♗d4 (22.c4 h6 23.b3 ♗e5 24.♖a2 ♗c3 25.♖c1 ♗g4 26.♕g2 ♕h5=∞) 22...bc3 23.♗c3 ♖d7 24.♕g2 ♕g2 25.♔g2 ♖fd8 26.♘e4 ♗f8 27.f3 ♗b3 28.a5 f6 29.♖ac1 ♔f7 30.♖e3 ♖c8 31.g4 ♖d5=∞]

21...♗b8 22.♕g2

[22.♘e4 ♗d5!

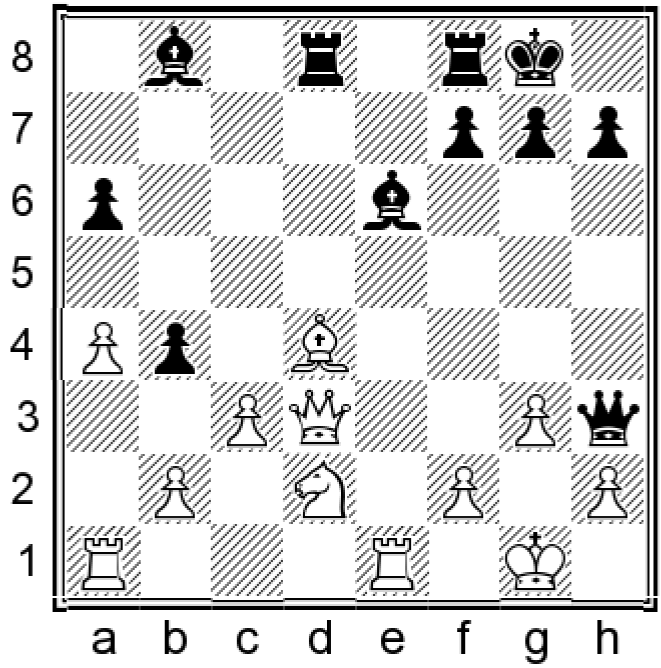


23.♘g5 (23.♗g7 ♔g7 24.♕f6 ♔g8 25.♕g5 ♔h8 26.♕f6 ♔g8 ½:½ Bacrot 2725 – Aronian 2724, Khanty-Mansiysk 2005 – 95/(255); 23.♗c5!? f5 24.♘g5 ♕h6 25.♕d3 f4 26.h4 fg3 27.fg3 ♗c4 28.♕e4 ♗g3 29.♗f8 ♗e1 30.♖e1 ♕b6 31.♖e3 ♖d1 32.♔h2 ♖d2 33.♔g3 ♕b8 34.♔g4 ♕c8 35.♔g3 ♕b8=) 23...♗f3 24.♘h3 ♖fe8 with similar play, as Black has compensation when queens are exchanged. 22.♕e2 ♗d5 23.f3 ♕d7 24.♕f2 f5 25.a3 ♗d6 26.♖e2 a5 27.♖ae1 ♕c6 28.b4 ♖a8 29.f4 ab4 30.ab4 ♖a2 31.♘f1 ♖fa8=∞]

22...♕h5!?

[22...♕h6!? 23.♖e2 (23.f3 b4 24.♘e4 bc3 25.bc3 ♗d5 26.♖ab1 ♗c7 27.♖b2 ♕c6 28.♖be2 h6=∞) 23...b4 24.♕c6 bc3 25.bc3 ♖d6 26.♕c5 ♖d5∞]

23.a4 b4 24.♕f3 ♕h3 25.♕d3



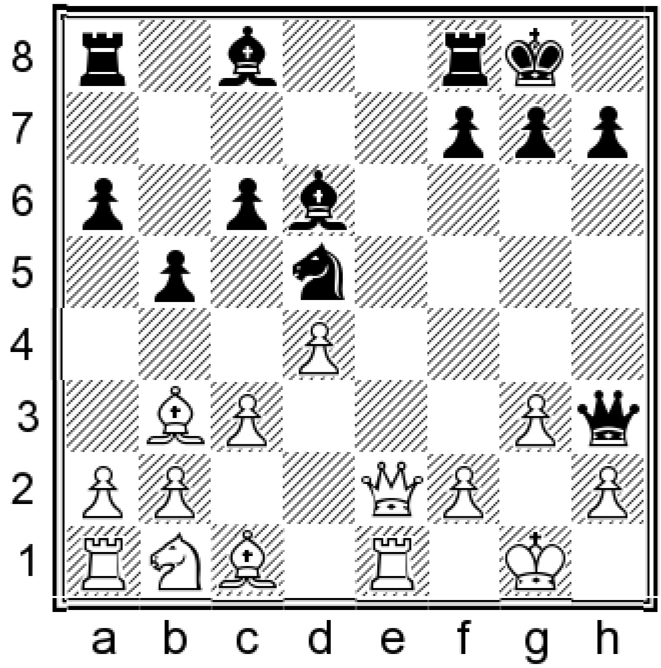
With the idea of putting his knight on f3.

25...a5 26.♘f3 h6 27.cb4 ab4 28.♕e3 ♗d5
This bishop is very strong piece, and because of this White’s chances of gaining an advantage are zero.

29.♗c5 ♗d6 30.♘h4 ♗a8 31.♗d6 ♖d6 32.♖ad1 ♖d1 33.♖d1 ♕c8 34.♕d3 ♕c6 35.f3 ♕a4 and Black is fine.

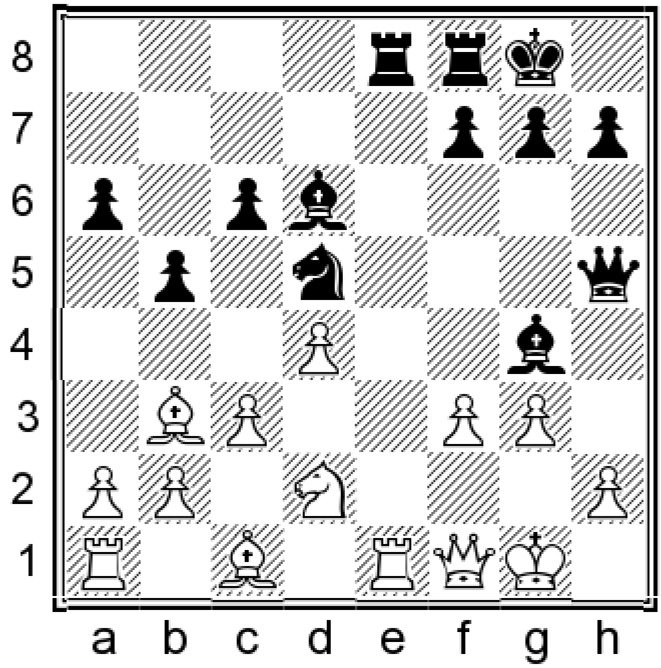
12.d4 other lines – 15.♕e2

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5 10.♘e5 ♘e5 11.♖e5 c6 12.d4 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 15.♕e2



A relatively new idea in the Marshall, which has surfaced in the last couple of years and deserves due credit.

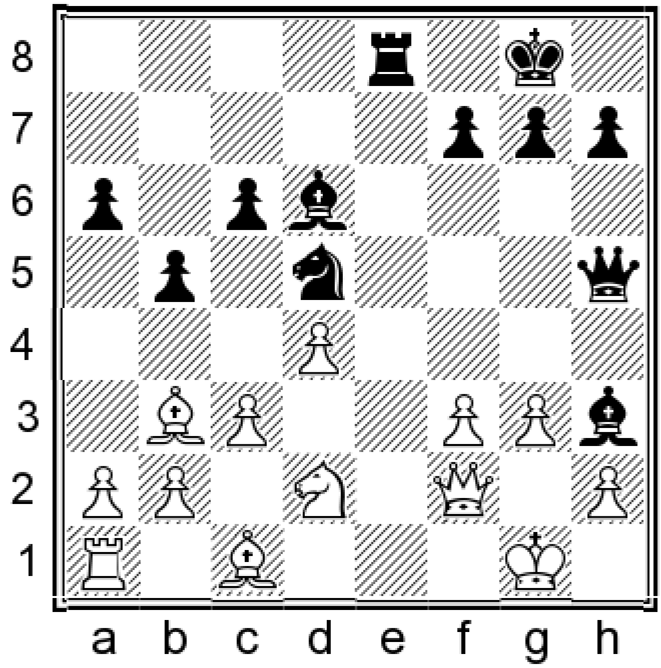
15...♗g4 16.♕f1 ♕h5 17.♘d2 ♖ae8 18.f3



[White has a valid alternative: 18.♖e8 ♖e8 19.f3

A) 19...♗f5 20.♘e4 ♗c7 21.a4± (21.♗d2 Svidler 2735 – Leko 2751, Mexico City 2007 – 101/(265));

B) 19...♗h3 20.♕f2



Now Black has a couple of possibilities, both of which are interesting :

B1) 20...♗f5 21.♘f1 and again Black has a further choice:
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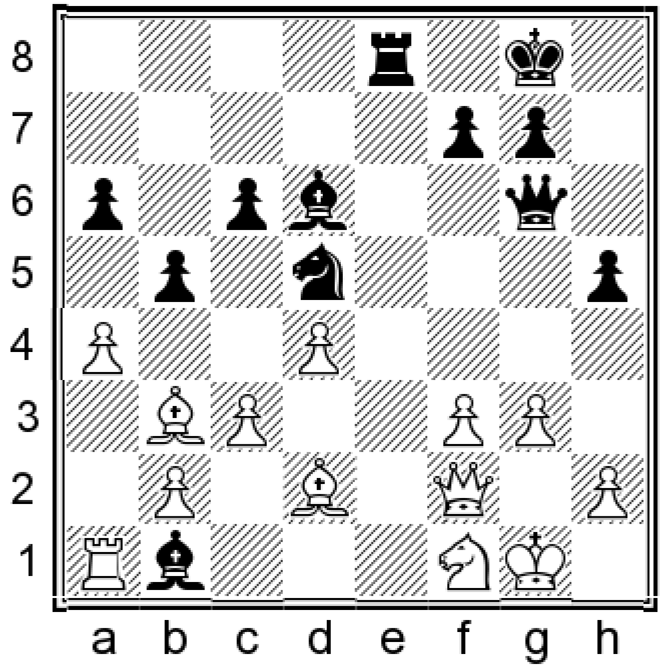
B1b) 21...♕g6 22.♗d2 ♗b1 23.a4 h5
(23...♕d3!? 24.♗d5 cd5 25.ab5 ab5 26.♘e3 f5 27.f4 b4 28.♕e1 ♗c2 29.♕c1 b3 30.h4 h6 31.♕e1 ♕b5 32.♕f1 ♗d3∞)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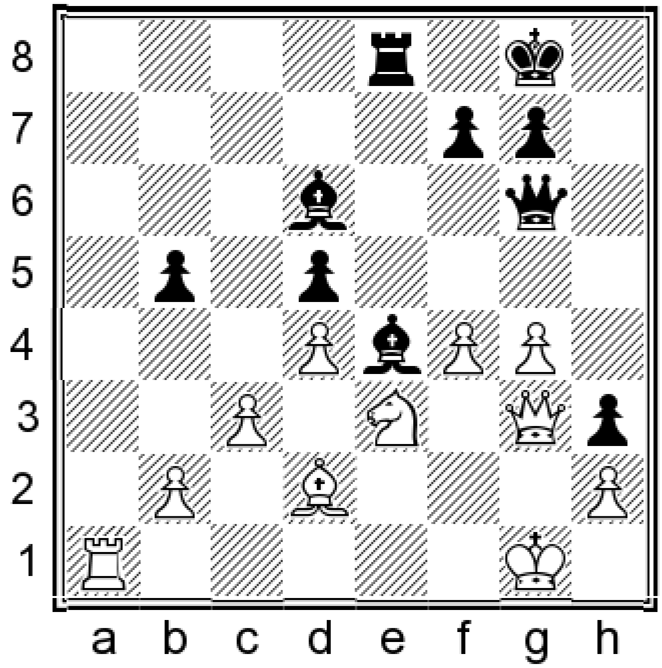
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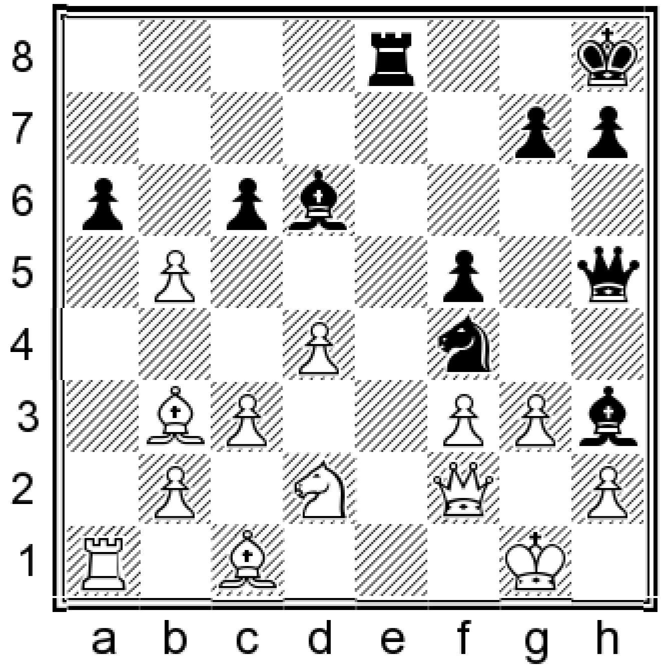
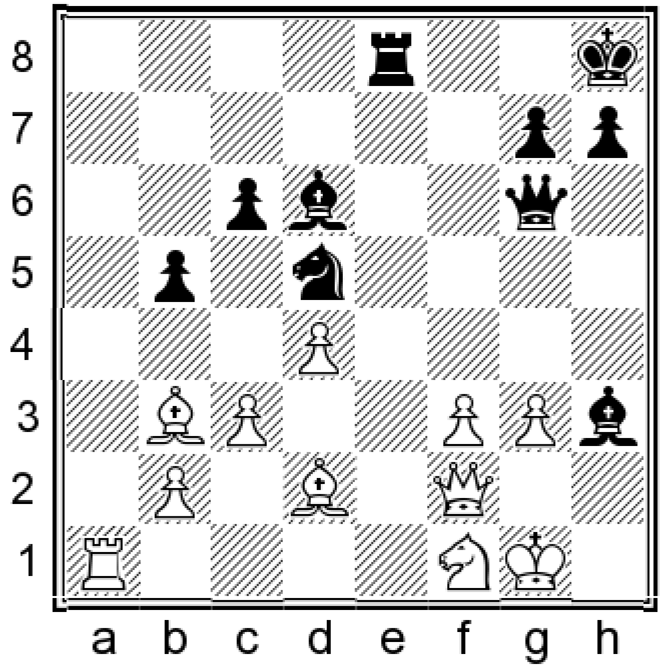
B2) 20...f5 21.♘f1 (21.a4 ♔h8 22.ab5 ♘f4!



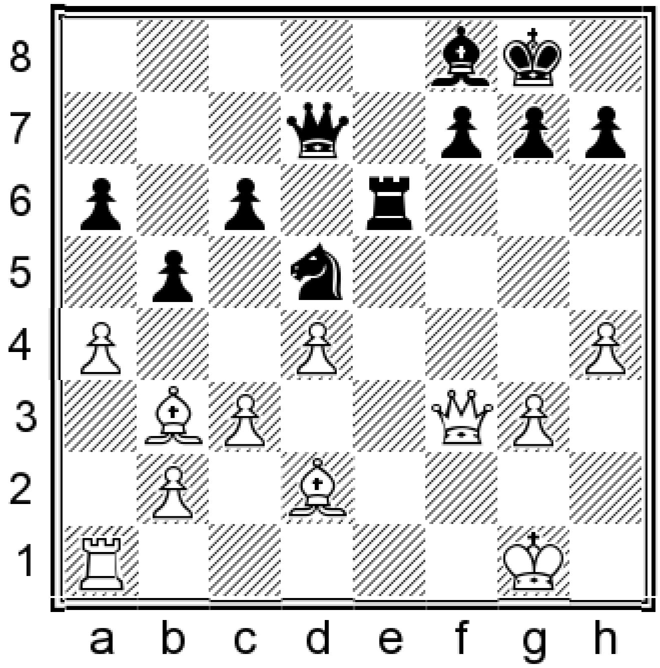
23.♗c4 ab5 24.♘f1 g5!? 25.gf4 bc4 26.♘g3 ♕g6 27.fg5 f4 28.♘e4 ♖e4 29.fe4 ♕e4 30.♖a8 ♔g7 31.♖a7 ♔f8 32.♖a8 ½:½ Lovakovic 2255 – Jacewicz 2208, corr. 2011. Despite being the exchange up White is unable to improve his position) 21...♔h8 22.a4 f4 23.ab5 ab5 24.♗d2 fg3 25.hg3 ♕g6



26.g4 h6 27.♗a2!? ♖f8 28.♗b1 ♕e6 29.♗f5 ♖f5! 30.gf5 ♕f5 31.♘g3 ♕g6 32.♔h2 ♗d7 In this highly interesting position it seems that Black has strong play.]

18...♗h3

[Also possible is 18...♖e1 19.♕e1 ♗f3 20.♘f3 ♕f3 21.♗d2 ♕g4 22.♕d1 ♕d7 23.♕f3 ♖e8 24.a4 (24.♖e1 ♖e1 25.♗e1 ♗f8 26.a4 g6 27.♗d2 ½:½ Areshchenko 2691 – Efimenko 2689, Ukraine (ch) 2012) 24...♗f8 25.h4 ♖e6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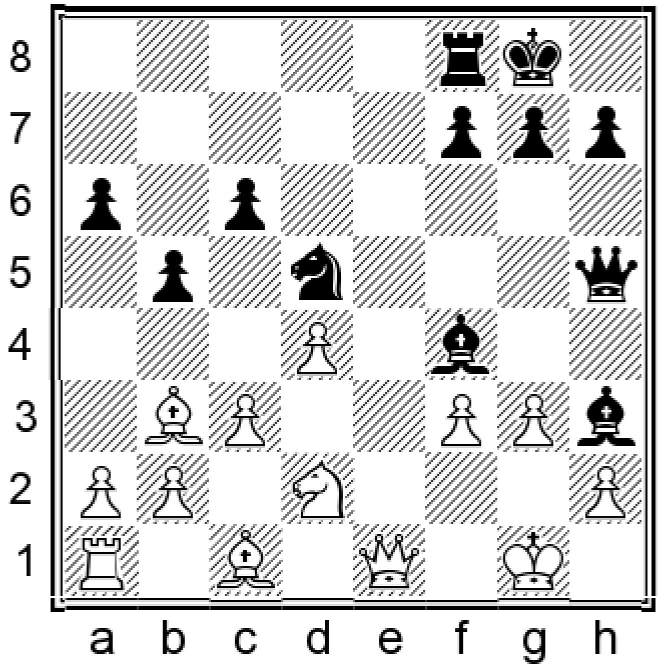
26.ab5 ab5 27.♖a8 ♕b7 28.♖a5 h5 29.♗g5 ♗d6 30.♖a1 g6=]

19.♕f2 ♖e1 20.♕e1 ♗f4!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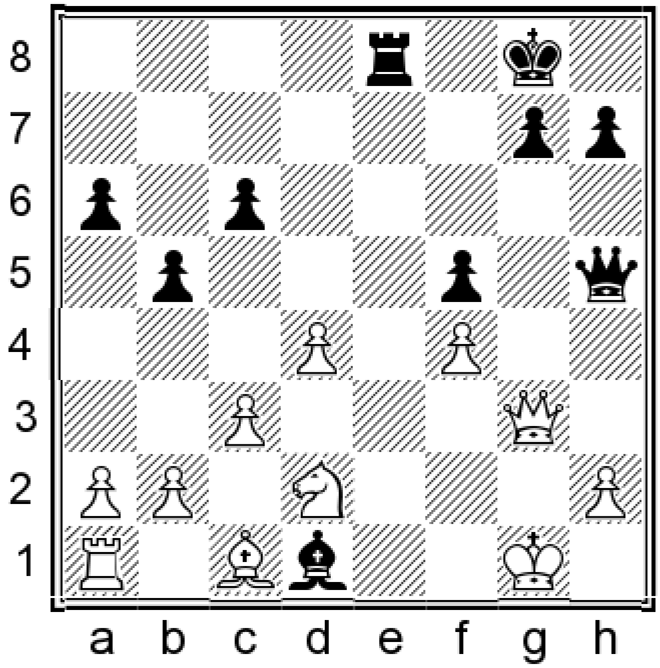
This strong idea equalises for Black.

21.♗d5
[Taking the offered piece is no small risk for White, for example: 21.gf4 ♘f4 22.♗d1 ♘d3 23.f4 ♗g4 24.♕g3 ♗d1 25.♕d3 ♖e8 26.♕g3 f5!

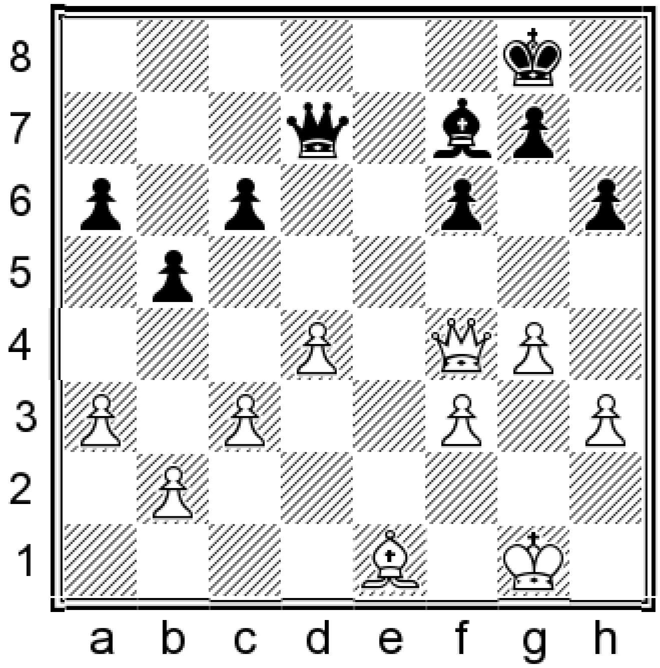


27.♘f1 (27.d5 cd5 28.♘f1 ♖e6 29.♕d3 ♖g6 30.♘g3 ♗f3→) 27...♖e6 28.♕f2 ♖e2 29.♘g3 ♕g4 30.♕f1 h5 31.♕d1 ♖g2 32.♔g2 ♕d1 33.♔f2 h4 34.♘f1 b4∞]

21...♗d2 22.♗d2 ♕d5 23.♕e4 ♕d7 24.♖e1 ♗e6 25.♗f4
[25.a3 ♖e8

A) 26.♔f2 f6 27.♕c2 (27.g4 ♗f7 28.♕b1 a5 29.♖e8 ♕e8 30.♕e4 ♕e4 31.fe4 a4 32.h4 ♗c4 33.♔f3 ♔f7 34.g5 ♔e6 35.gf6 gf6 36.♗e1 ♗d3 ½:½ A. Los – Tanti, corr. 2013) 27...♗c4 28.♖e8 ♕e8 29.♕e4 ♕h5 30.♔g2 ♗d5 31.♕d3 ♗c4=;

B) 26.g4 f6 27.h3 ♗f7 28.♕f4 ♖e1 29.♗e1 h6



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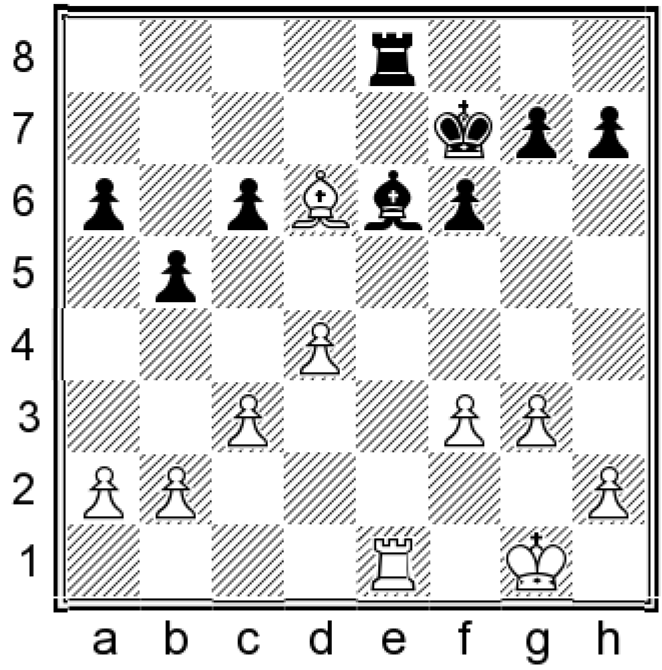
25...♖e8 26.♕e5 f6 27.♕d6 ♕d6 28.♗d6 ♔f7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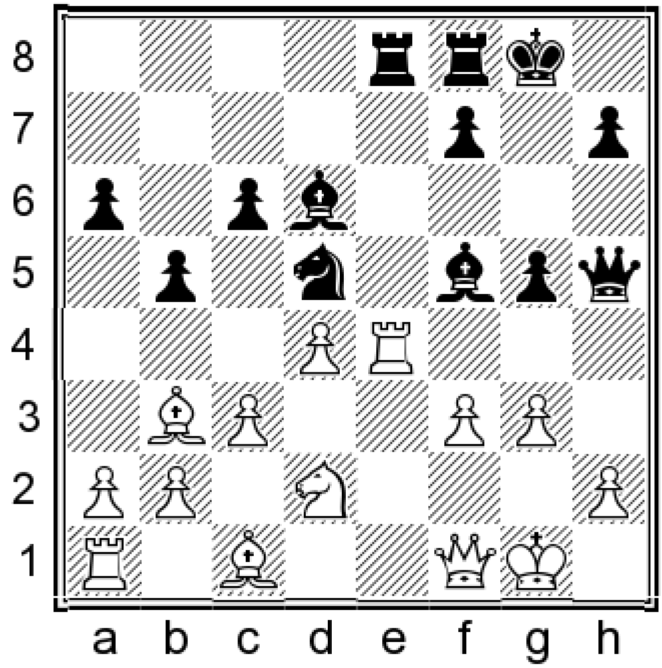
29.b3 ♗f5 30.♔f2 ♖e1 31.♔e1 a5 32.♔d2 ♗e6 33.♔d3 ♗f5 ½:½ Karjakin 2778 – Aronian 2816, Sao Paulo/Bilbao 2012 – 116/(119).

12.d4 other lines – 15.♖e4 rook shift

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5 10.♘e5 ♘e5 11.♖e5 c6 12.d4 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 15.♖e4 g5 16.♕f1 ♕h5 17.f3
[If instead 17.♘d2 ♗f5 18.f3 leads to the same position]

17...♗f5 18.♘d2 ♖ae8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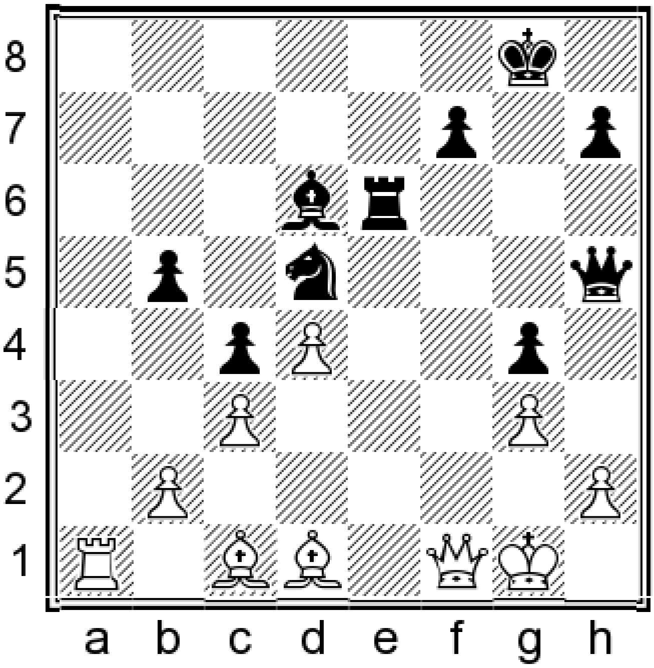
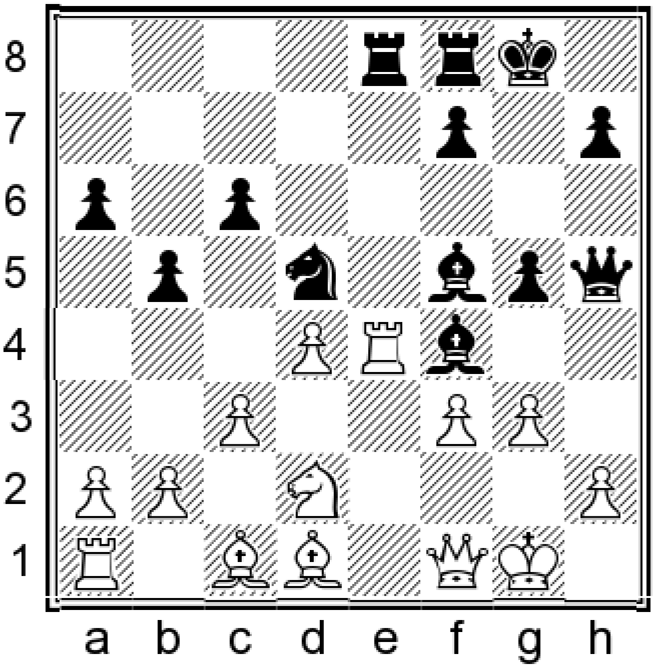
19.a4

[19.♖e8 ♖e8 20.♘e4 ♗e4 21.fe4 ♖e4 22.♗d1 g4 23.a4 (23.♕f2 Vachier-Lagrave 2721 – Adams 2728, Khanty-Mansiysk (ol) 2010 – 110/(198)) 23...c5 24.ab5 ab5 25.♗b3 c4 26.♗d1 (26.♗c2 ♖e6 27.♕f2 ♖f6 28.♕g2 ♖e6 29.♗e4 ♘f6 30.♗c6 ♖e1 31.♔f2 ♖e6 32.♗d2 ♕f5 33.♔g1 ♕d3 34.♖e1 b4 35.♖e6 fe6 36.♗e1 bc3 37.bc3 ♘d5=) 26...♖e6



27.♖a7 ♗e7 28.h3 ♖f6 29.♕g2 ♕h3 30.♖d7 ♗d6 31.♕h3 gh3 32.♔h2 ♔f8 33.♗g5 ♖g6 34.♗h4 ♘e3 35.♗e2 ♖h6 36.♔h3 ♘f5 37.♔g4 ♘h4 38.gh4 ♖f6=;

19.♗d1 ♗f4!



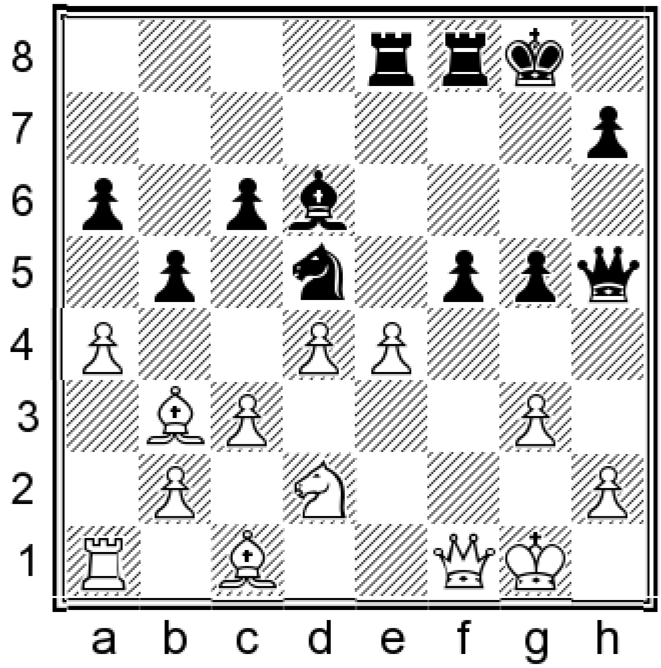
A) 20.gf4 gf4 21.♔h1 (21.♗e2 ♗h3 22.♕f2 ♕g6 23.♔h1 ♘e3 24.♗f1 ♘f1 25.♘f1 ♖e4 26.fe4 ♕e4=; 21.♘b3 ♗h3 22.♕e2 f5 23.♖e5 ♕g6 24.♔f2 ♔f7 25.♔e1 ♕g1 26.♔d2 ♘e3–+) 21...♘e3 22.♕e2 ♕g5 23.♖e5 ♖e5 24.de5 ♗d3 25.♘e4 ♗e2 26.♘g5 ♘d1∓;

B) 20.♖e8 ♖e8 21.♘e4 ♗h3 22.♕e2 ♔h8 23.♗d2 f5 24.♕f2 fe4 25.fe4 ♗g4 26.♗g4 ♕g4 27.ed5 ♖e2 28.h3 ♕h5 29.♕f1

♖d2 30.gf4 gf4 31.♕f4 ♕g6 32.♕g4 cd5 33.♕g6 hg6 34.b4 ♖d3 35.a4 ♖h3 36.ab5 ab5 37.♖a5 ♖c3=;

19.♕f2 ♗e4 20.fe4 f5 21.e5 f4! Here we see the same idea as in the So – Tomashevsky game below.]

19...♗e4 20.♘e4
[20.fe4 f5!



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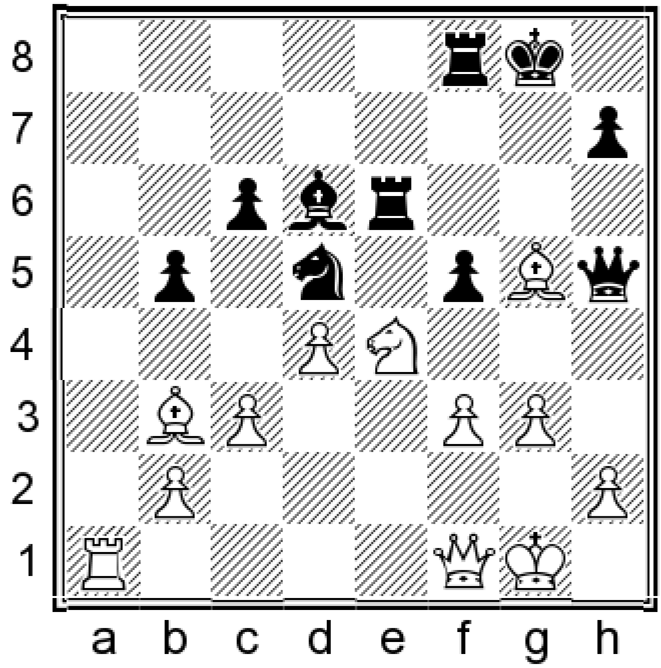
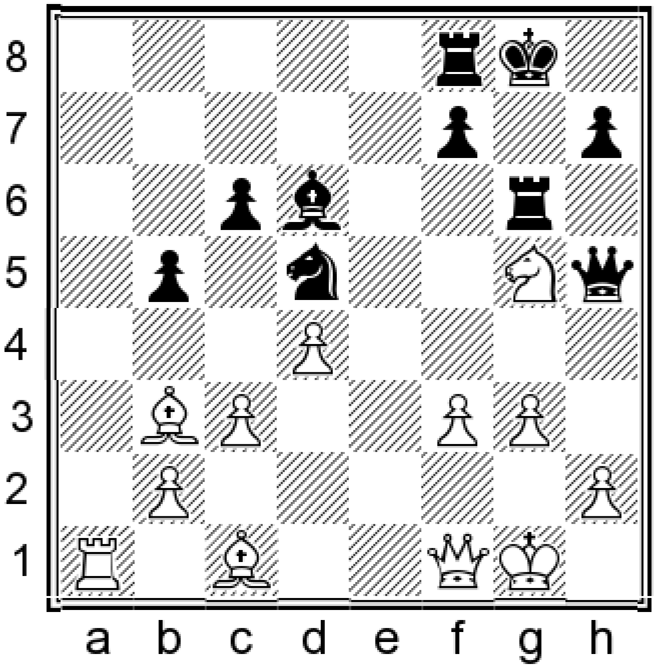
20...♖e6 21.ab5 ab5 22.♘g5
[22.♗g5 f5!?



23.♘d6 ♕g5 24.♘b5 f4 25.g4 cb5 26.♕b5 ♖d8 27.h4 ♕h4 28.♗d5 ♕g3 29.♔f1 ♕h3=; 22.♖a6!? ♗e7 23.♗d2 (23.g4 ♕g6 24.♘g3 ♖e8 25.♗d2 ♗f8 26.♘f5 ♕f6 27.♕d3 h6∞) 23...g4 24.fg4 ♕g4 25.♘f2 ♕e2 26.♕e2 ♖e2 27.♗h6 ♖c8 28.♘d3 ♖e6 29.♗d2 c5∓]

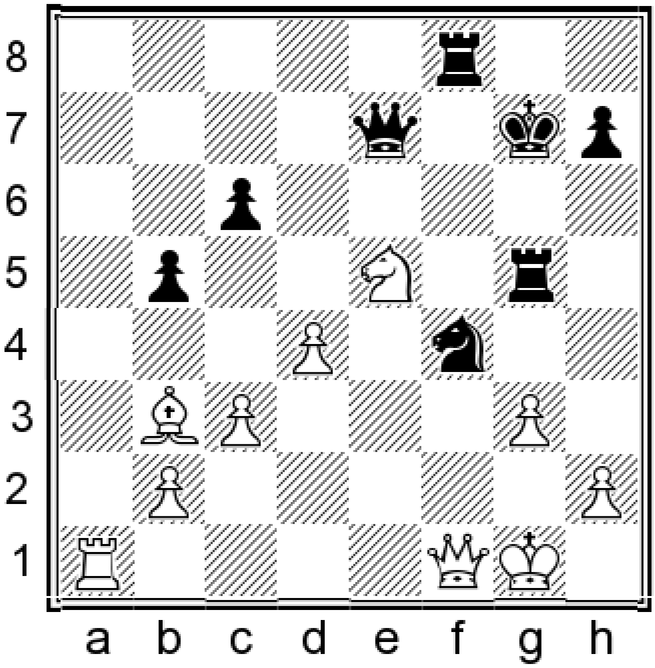
22...♖g6



23.f4
[23.♘e4 ♖e8 24.♖a7 ♗b8 25.♖b7 ♕f5 26.♗d2 ♔h8 27.♗d5 ♕d5 28.♕h3 ♔g7 29.♕d7 ♕d7 30.♖d7 ♖ge6 31.g4 ♖e4 32.fe4 ♖e4 33.♔f2 ½:½ Haubrich 1999 – Heyn, corr. 2006]

23...♗f4 24.♗f4
[24.gf4!? f6 25.♖a6 fg5 26.♖c6 gf4 27.♖g6 hg6 28.♕b5 ♕g5 29.♔f1 ♖f5∞]

24...♘f4 25.♘f7 ♘d5 26.♗d1 ♕h4 27.♕g2 ♘f4 28.♘e5 ♕e7 29.♗b3 ♔g7 30.♕f1 ♖g5



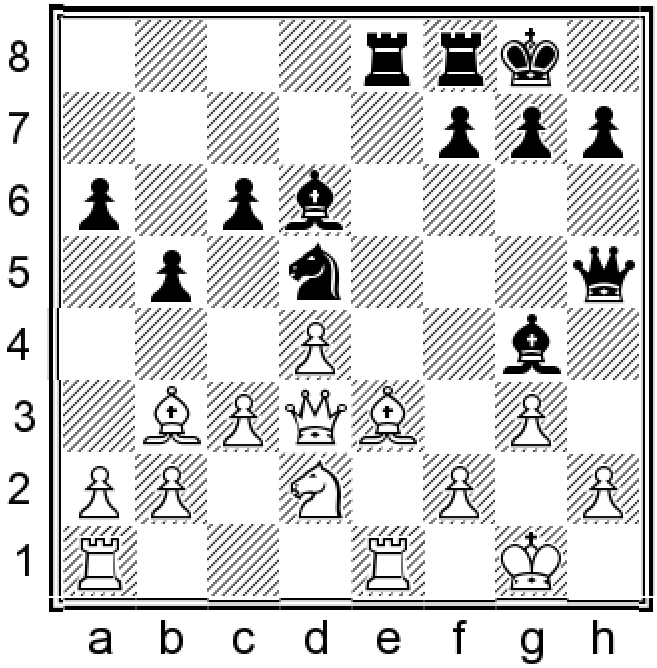
[30...c5 31.♗c2 cd4 32.cd4 ♖g5 33.♕b5 ♘h3 34.♔h1 ♖f2 35.♕b6 ♖f6 ½:½ Ressler 2284 – Detela 2257, corr. 2013]

31.♖e1 ♘g6 32.♘f3 ♕d8 33.♖e3 ♘h4 34.♗d1 ♘f3 35.♗f3 c5= Rol. Markus – Tylecek, corr. 2013

Main line 12.d4 – 15.♗e3

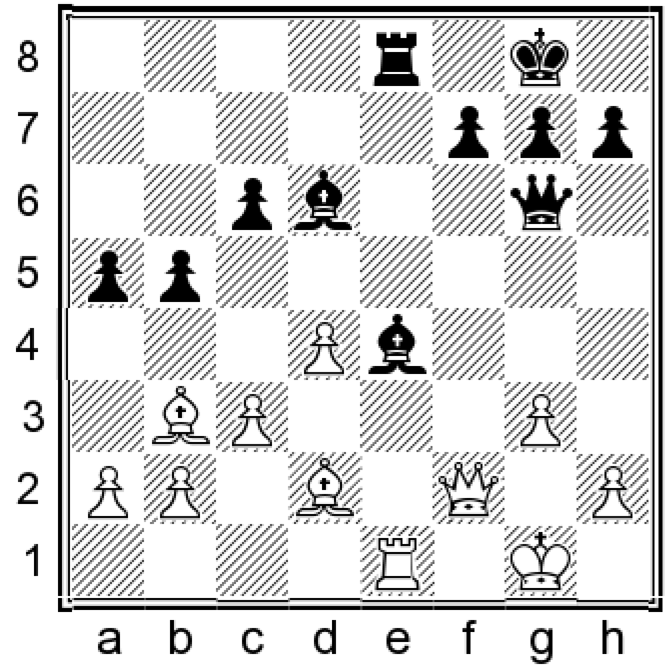
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5 10.♘e5 ♘e5 11.♖e5 c6 12.d4 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3 15.♗e3 ♗g4 16.♕d3 ♖ae8 17.♘d2
For many decades this has been the Main Line of the system.

17...♕h5



Probably the best response for Black, according to modern theory.

18.a4 For a while it was considered that the alternative 18.Ne4 caused problems for Black, but it seems that Black is okay.
[18.♘e4 ♗f5 19.♗d2 ♖e4 20.♖e4 ♘f6 21.f3 ♕g6 22.♕e2 ♘e4 23.fe4 ♗e4 24.♖e1 ♖e8 25.♕f2 a5!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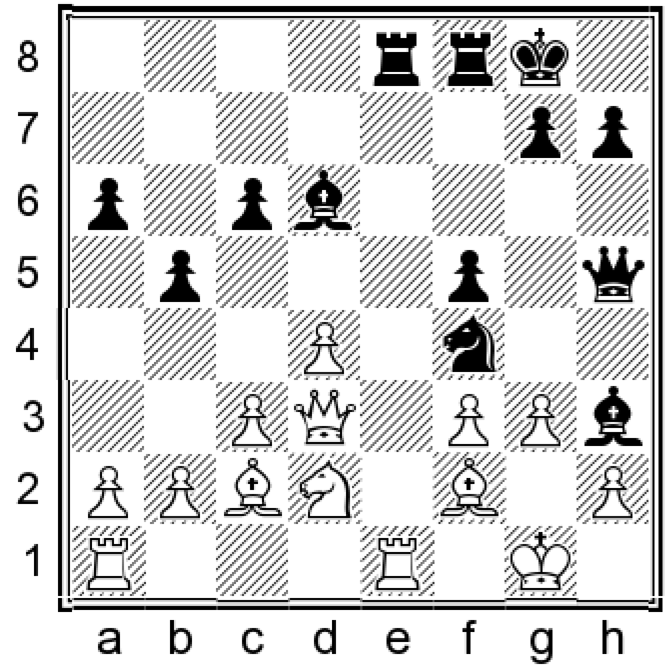
26.a4 ba4 27.♗a4 ♖b8 28.♗f4 f5∞; 18.♗c2 f5 19.f3 that was a big idea but... 19...♗h3 20.♗f2 ♘f4!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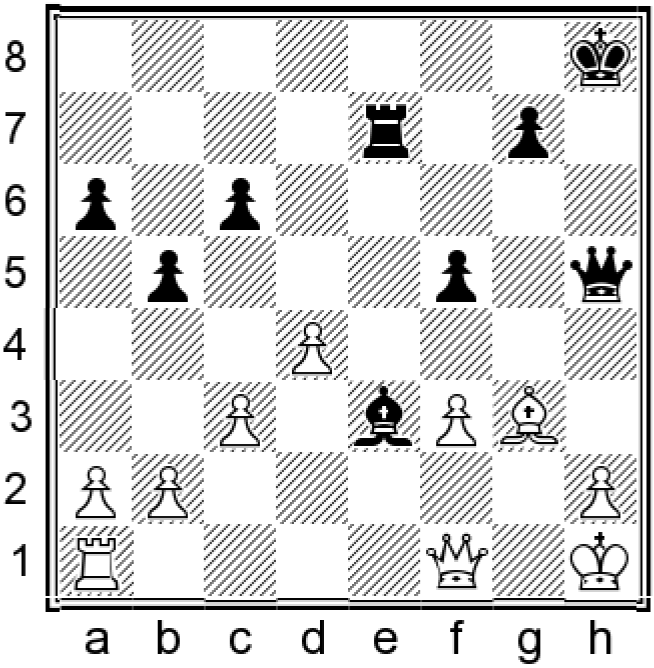
21.♗b3 ♔h8 22.gf4 ♗f4 23.♗g3 ♕g5 24.♘f1 h5

A) 25.♖e8 ♖e8 26.♗f7 ♖e7 27.♗h5 ♗f1 28.♕f1 (28.♔f1 ♗g3 29.hg3 ♕g3 30.♕f5 ♕h4 ½:½ Tylecek – K. Herzog, corr. 2013) 28...♗e3 29.♔h1 ♕h5



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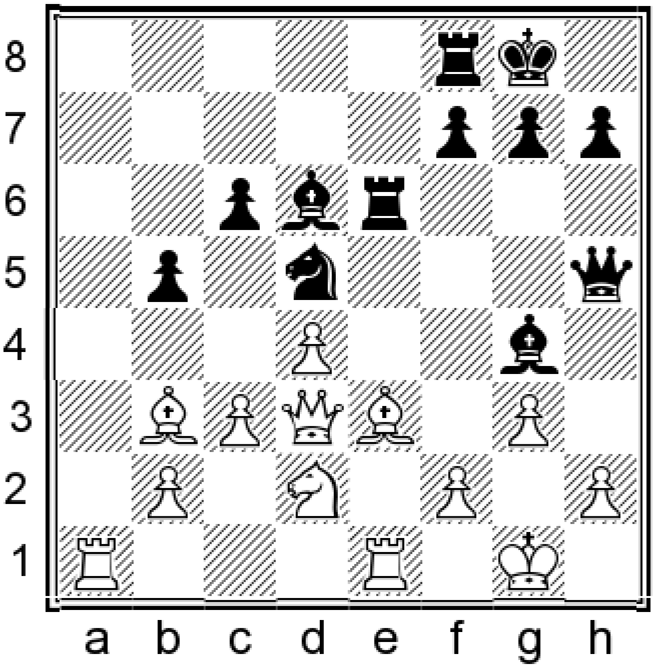
B) 25.♕c2 h4 26.♕f2 ♗f1 27.♕f1 hg3 28.♕h3 ♕h6 29.♕h6 gh6 30.hg3 ♗g3 31.♖e6 ♔g7 32.♔g2 ♗f4 33.♔f2 ♖e6 34.♗e6 ♔f6 35.♗d7 h5 36.♗c6 ♖c8 37.d5 h4 38.♖h1 ♗g3 39.♔g2 ♔e5 40.♔h3 ♔d6 41.a4 ba4 42.♖a1 ♖b8 43.♖a2 ♖b6 44.♔g2 ♔e5 ½:½ Rothman – Kyhos, corr. 2014. Again Black is okay.]

18...♖e6 19.ab5 ab5



20.♘f1

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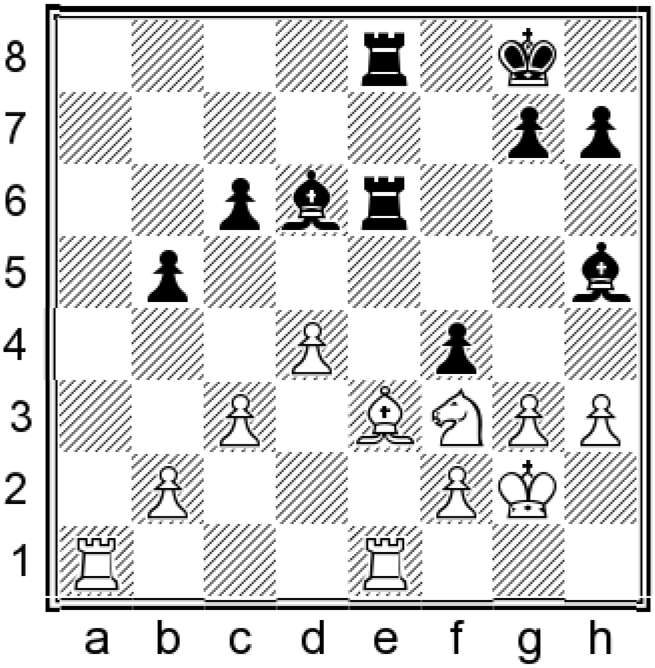

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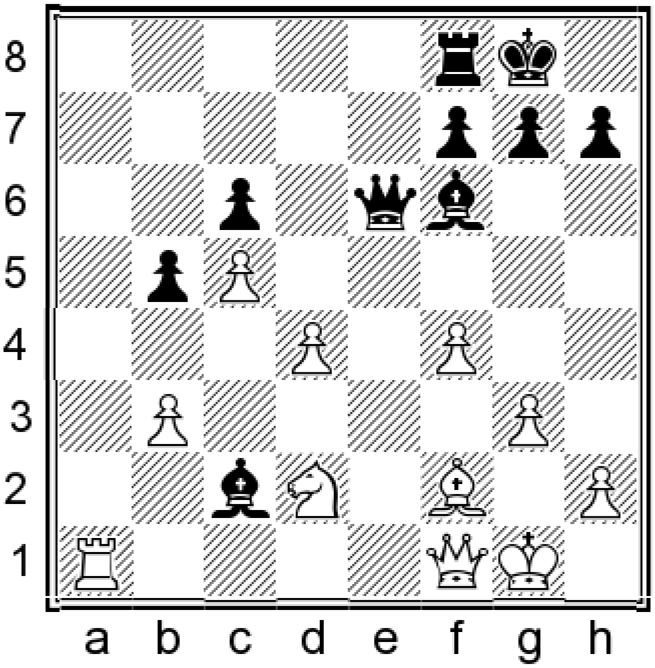
20.♗d5 ♕d5

A) 21.b3 ♗h3 22.f3 ♗f5 23.♕f1 ♗c2 24.b4 (24.c4 ♕f5 25.c5 ♗e7 26.♗f2 ♗g5 27.f4 ♗f6 28.♖e6 ♕e6∞)



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B) 21.♕f1 ♕h5 22.f3 ♗f5 23.♕g2 ♕g6 24.♗f2 ♖e1 25.♖e1 ♗e6 26.♘e4 ♗e7 27.♗e3 ♖a8 28.♕e2 h6 29.♗f4 ♖a2=∞;

C) 21.c4 bc4 22.♕c4 ♖b8 23.♖a6 ♗f8 24.b3 ♗h3 25.♕d5 cd5 26.♖e6 ♗e6 27.♖a1 ♖b7 28.♖a6 h6 29.♔g2 ♗b4=;

20.♘e4 We saw the same idea upon the move 18.♘e4 with the difference that a line is now open, but that doesn't change the evaluation. Black is okay here as well. 20...♗f5 21.♗d2 ♖e4 22.♖e4 ♕g6 23.f3 ♘f6

A) 24.♕e2 ♘e4 25.fe4 ♗e4 26.♖e1 ♗c2 (26...♖e8 27.♕f2±) 27.♗c2 ♕c2 28.♗f4 ♕e2 29.♖e2 ♗f4 30.gf4 ♖a8 31.b4 g6 32.♖e5 ♖a6 33.h4 ♔f8 34.♔f2 f6 35.♖c5 ♔e7 36.♔e3 ♔d6= Dothan 2501 – So. M. Larsen 2347, corr. 2001;

B) 24.♕f1 ♘e4 25.fe4 ♗e4 26.♗f4 ♗d3 27.♕f2 ♗f4 28.♕f4 h6 29.♖e1 (29.♕f2 ♖e8 30.♖e1 ♖e1 31.♕e1 ♗e4 32.♕f2 ½:½ Svidler 2635 – Kamsky 2735, Groningen 1995 – 66/(304))
29...♗c2! 30.♗c2 ♕c2 31.♕f2 ♕b3 32.♖e7 b4= Roberts 2292 – Daurelle 2290, corr. 2010]

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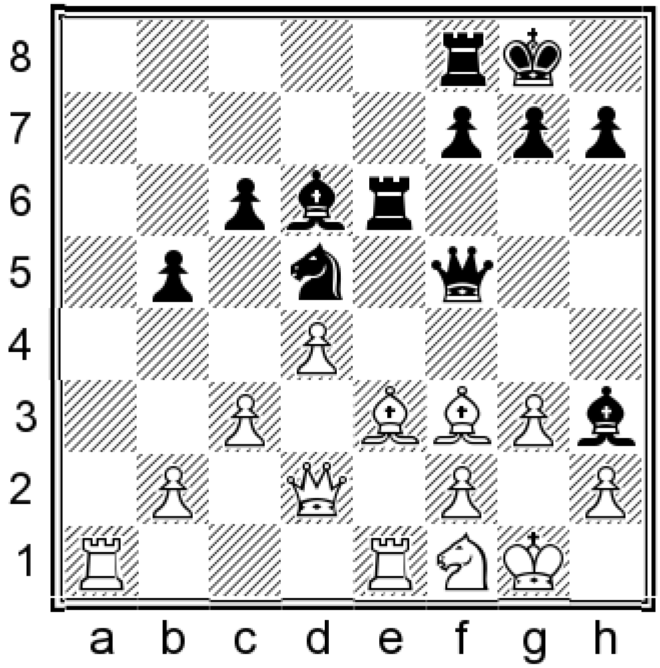

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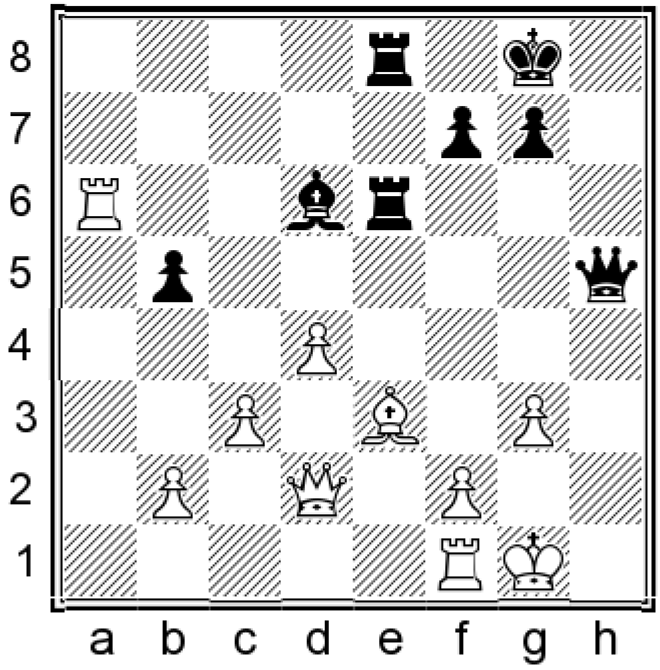
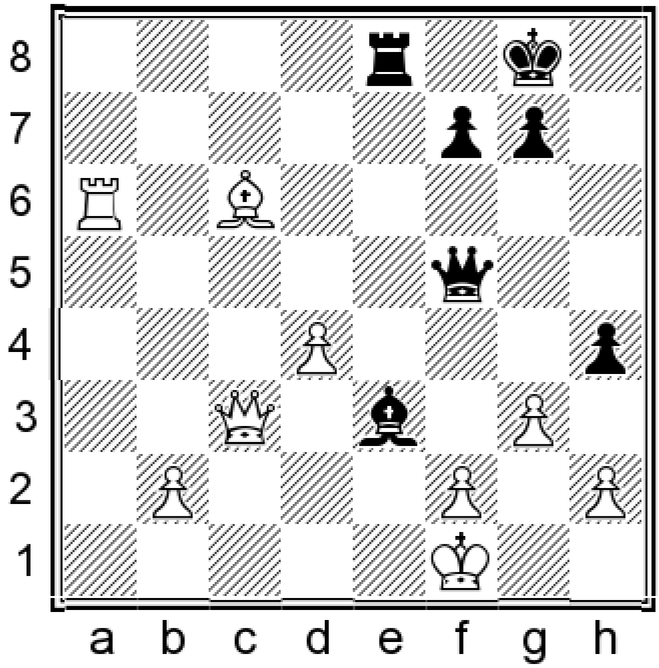
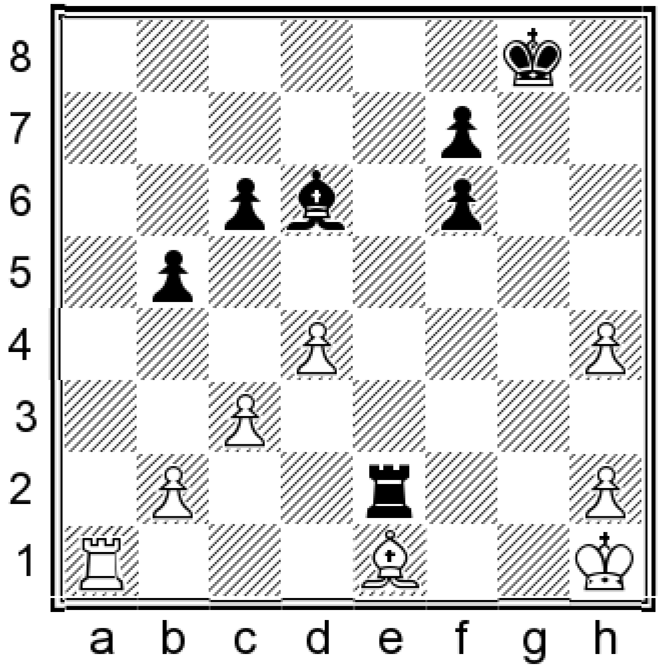


31.♖fa1 ♗g3 32.♖e6 ♕h2 33.♔f1 ♕h1 34.♔e2 ♕h5 35.♔d3 ♕f5=) 25...h5 26.♕b1 ♕f6 27.♗d2 ♖e1 28.♗e1 h4 29.♕d3 ♗g4 (29...♕e6!? 30.c4 bc4 31.♕c4 ♗f4 32.♗c3 ♕d7 33.♖a6 ♘c3 34.♕c3 ♗f1 35.♔f1 ♕f5 36.♗c6 ♗e3



37.♕e1 ♖e6 38.♖a8 ♔h7 39.♖e8 ♖e8 40.♗e8 ♗d4 41.♗f7 ♗b6 42.♗e6 ♕f3=) 30.♘e3 ♘e3 31.fe3 ♗f3 32.♕f1 ♗h1 33.♕f6 gf6 34.♔h1 ♖e3 35.gh4 ♖e2



36.♗g3 ♗g3 37.hg3 ♖b2 38.♖a6 ♖c2 39.♖c6 b4=]

24...h5

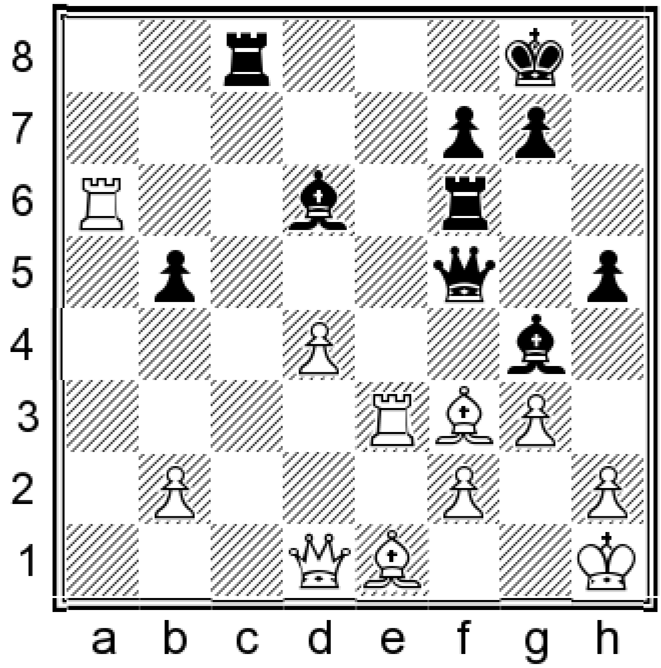
[24...♖fe8 25.♖a6!? (25.♗h1 h5 transposes to the note 24.♗h1) 25...♗f8!? Usually the bishop retreats to c7 but that is not always the case. (For 25...♗c7 see the Main Line note under 26...♖fe8) 26.♗h1

A) 26...h5 27.♕f3 ♕g6 28.♖c6 ♖c6 29.♕d5 ♖b6 30.♗d2 (30.♘d2 ♗f5 31.h4 b4 32.c4 ♖d6 33.♕b5 ♗d7 34.♕c5 ♕c2∞) 30...♖e1 31.♗e1 ♖e6–+;

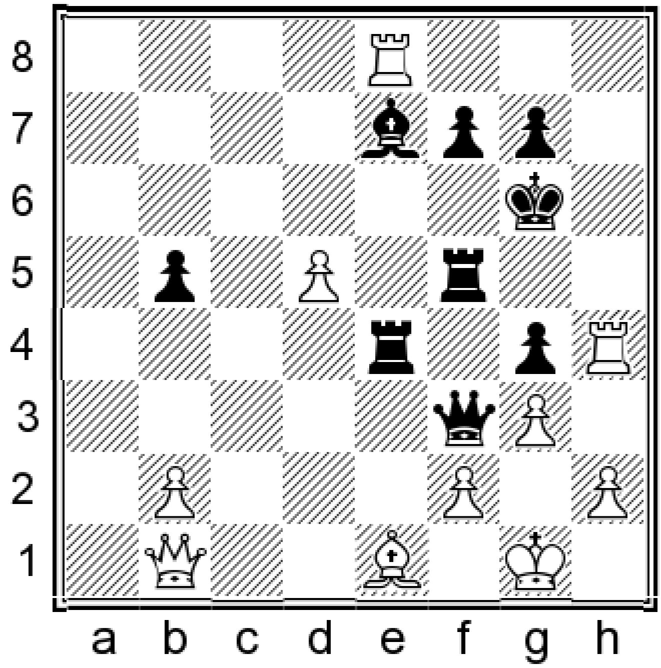
B) 26...♖f6 27.♕b1 ♕h5 28.♖a1 ♖fe6 29.♕d3 ♗f5 30.♕d1 ♗g4 31.♕c2 ♗f5 32.♕b3 ♗h3 33.♗d5 cd5 34.♘d2 g6 35.♕b5

♗h6=∞]

25.♖a6 ♗c7
[25...♖c8!? 26.♗d2 ♖f6 27.♘e3 ♘e3 28.♖e3 ♗g4 29.♔g2 ♗h3 30.♔h1 c5 31.♗e1 cd4 32.cd4 ♗g4

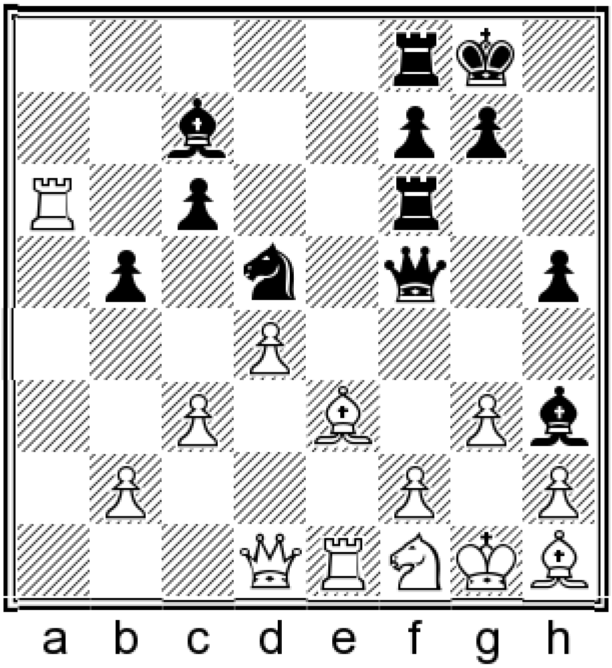


33.♗g4 (33.♔g2 ♕d7 34.♗g4 hg4 35.♖a1 ♖f5 36.♕d3 ♖d5 37.♕e4 ♗b8 38.♕e7 ♕f5 39.♖c3 ♖f8 40.♔g1 ♗d6 41.♕e3 ♖d8 42.♖c6 ♗f8 43.♗a5 ♖a8 44.♖cc1 ♖a6 45.♕e8 ♖e6∞ Yet another lively line in which we see nice moves from both sides.) 33...hg4 34.♔g1 ♖h6 35.d5 ♖c5 36.♖d3 ♖c4 37.♖c6 (37.♖c3 ♖e4 38.♖a8 ♔h7 39.♖cc8 ♖f6 40.♖h8 ♔g6 41.♖ae8 ♗e7 42.♖h4 ♕f3 43.♕b1 ♖f5



A fascinating variation in which Black has strong play all the way, although the moves are not easy to find, unless you are using computers.)]

26.♗h1 ♖f6!?

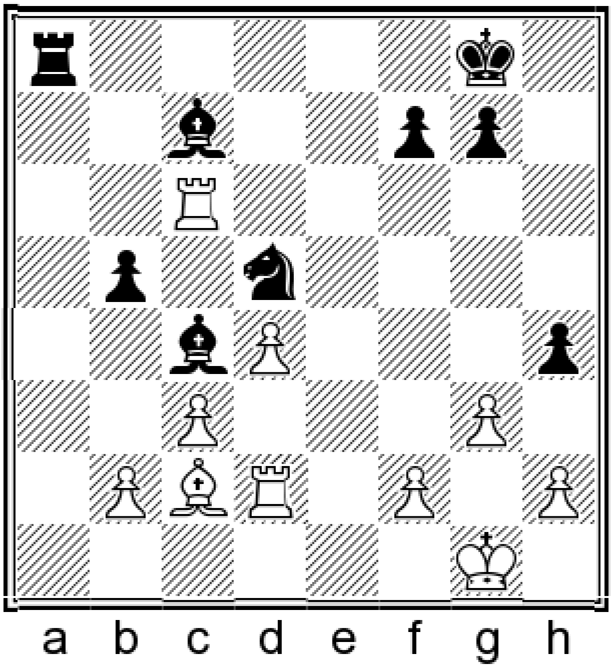


[Black has a viable alternative here as well in 26...♖fe8

A) 27.♕b1 ♕g4 28.♗d5 cd5 29.♖e6 fe6 30.♕d1 ♕d1 31.♖d1 ♖a8 32.♗c1 b4 33.♘e3 bc3 34.bc3 ♖a2 35.c4 ♗a5 36.f3 (36.cd5 ed5 37.♘d5 ♗g4 38.♖f1 ♗e2 39.♗e3 ♗f1 40.♔f1 ♔f7=) 36...dc4;

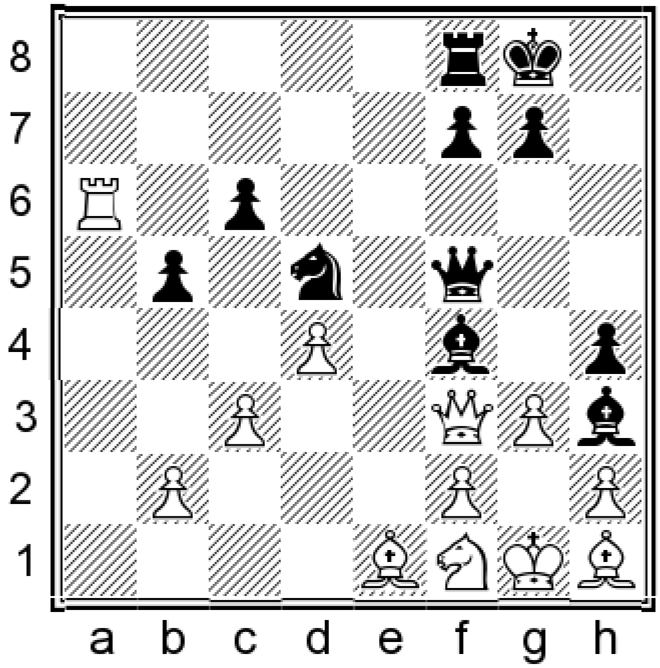
B) 27.♕f3 ♕g6 28.♖c6 ♖c6 29.♕d5 ♖b6 30.♗f3 h4 31.♗h5 ♕f6 32.♖d1 ♖d8 33.♕f3 ♕f3 34.♗f3 ♖a6 35.gh4 ♖a2 36.b4 ♖d6 37.♗g2 ♗g2 38.♔g2 ♖c2∞]

27.♕e2 h4 28.♗d2 ♖e6 29.♕f3
[29.♗e4 ♗f1 30.♗f5 ♖e2 31.♖d1 ♖d2 32.♖d2 ♗c4 33.♖c6 ♖a8 34.♗c2



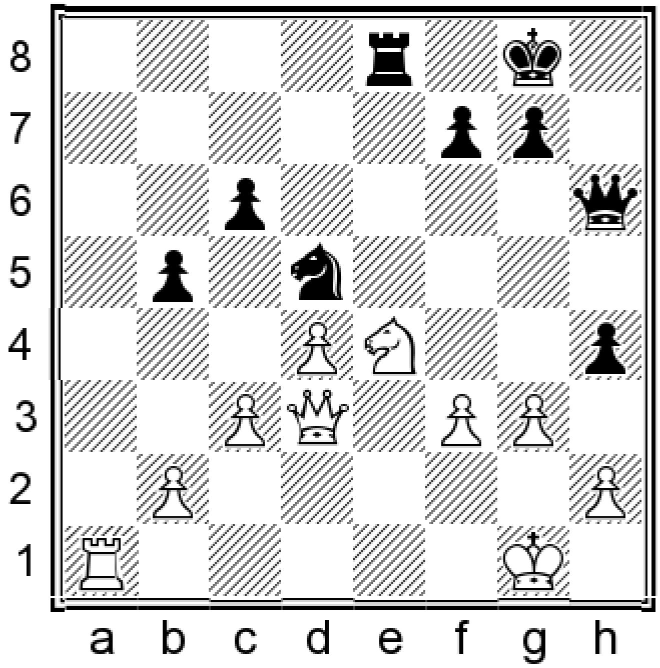
34...h3 35.f3 ♖a2 36.b3 ♗b3 37.♗b3 ♖d2 38.♗d5 ♖g2 39.♔f1 ♗a5 and Black has reached the safe zone in this rather peculiar line.]

29...♖e1 30.♗e1 ♗f4!

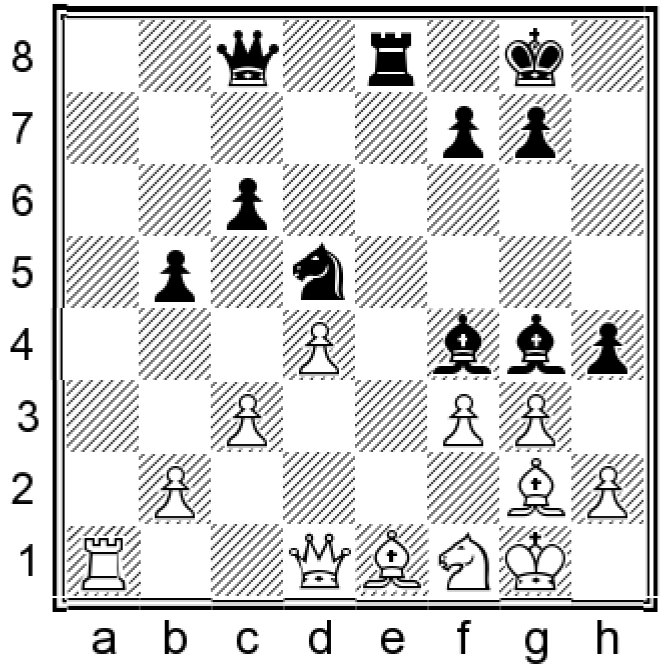


31.♗g2 ♗g4

[31...♖e8 32.♗h3 ♕h3 33.♖a1 ♗h6 34.♗d2 ♗d2 35.♘d2 ♕e6 36.♕d3 ♕g4 37.f3 ♕g5 38.♘e4 ♕h6=∞

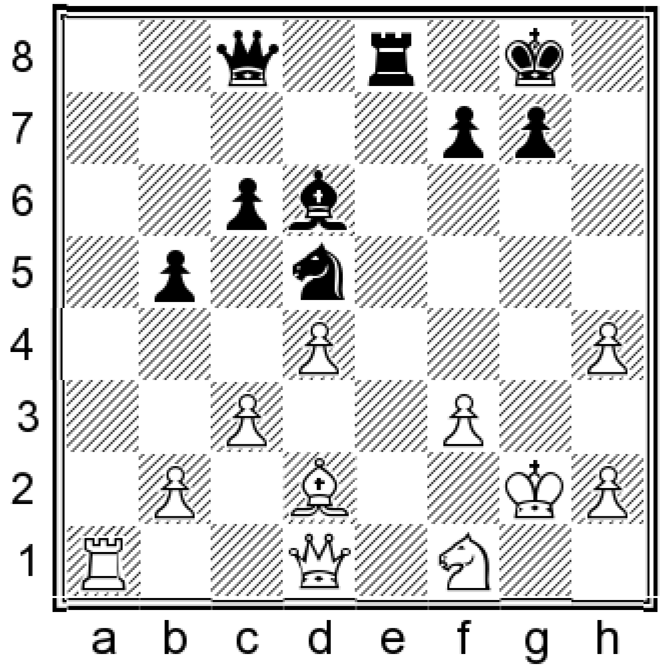


32.♕e4 ♕c8 33.♖a1 ♖e8 34.♕c2 ♗f5 35.♕d1 ♗g4 36.f3

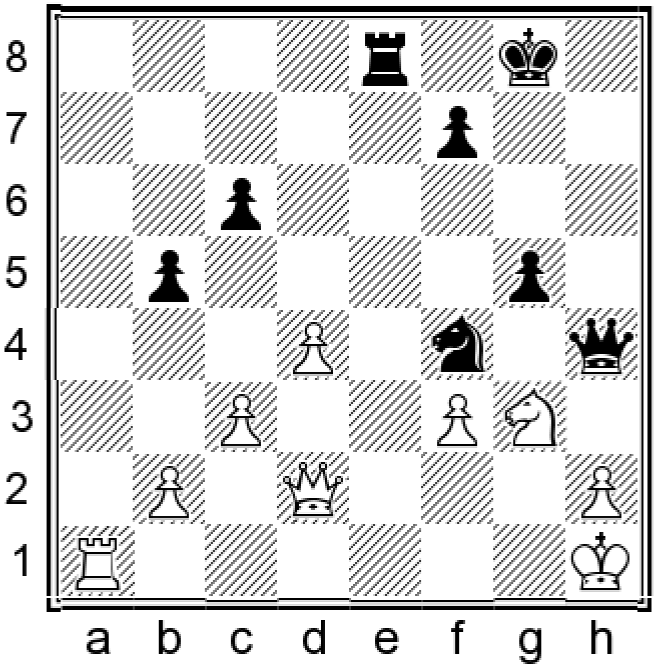


An attempt to go for the full point.

36...♗h3 37.♗d2 ♗g2 38.♔g2 ♗d6 39.gh4!?



39...♗f4 40.♘g3 ♕d8 41.♗f4 ♘f4 42.♔h1 ♕h4 43.♕d2 g5!?
[After 43...g6 44.♖e1 ♖a8 45.♘e4 ♔g7 46.♘c5 ♖a7 Black also has compensation.]



44.♖g1
[44.♖e1 ♖e1 45.♕e1 ♕h3 46.♕f1 ♕e6 47.♘e4 f6=∞; 44.♘e4 ♔f8 45.♖g1 f6 46.b3 ♕h3 47.♕f2 ♕e6 48.♕a2 ♕d5 49.♕a3 ♔f7 50.♕d6 ♖e6=∞]

44...♕h3 45.♕f2 ♕h7∞

Conclusion

As always, Black gets strong counterplay in the Marshall Attack. In the line 12.d3, thanks to his bishop pair Black often gets clear positional compensation and equal chances in return for the pawn deficit. Also we see the opposite situation where White gives back a pawn with the idea of advantageously exploiting his bishop pair, although in fact that doesn't happen because of Black's great activity.

In lines that arise after 12.d4 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♕h4 14.g3 ♕h3, followed by either 15.♖e4 and 15.♕e2, we see interesting ideas for Black in which a piece sacrifice frequently occurs. When we follow the so called Main Line, the move 20.♘f1 is probably the most comprehensive as well as the longest line, compared to those previously mentioned. However, again, it seems that Black is doing okay. Overall the Marshall Attack is still going strong and remains one of the best options for Black in reply to 1.e4.
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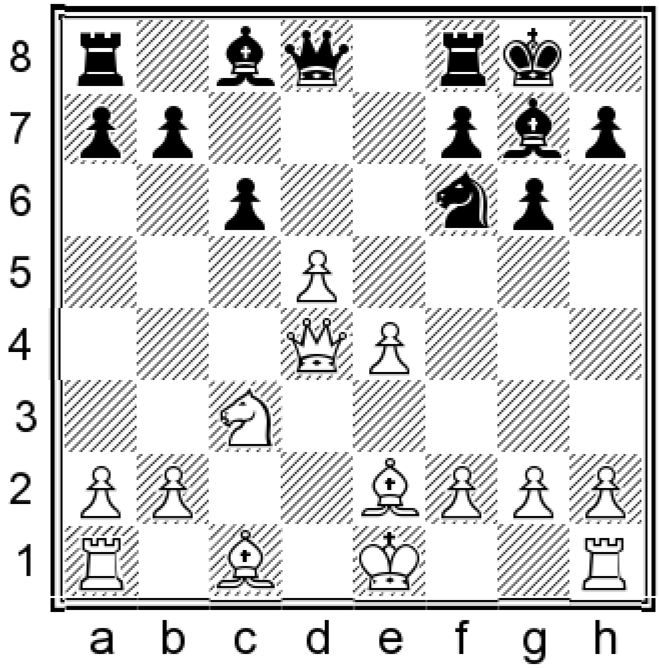
A FRESH DEFENCE AGAINST THE 5.♕B3 GRUENFELD D97

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dc4 6.♕c4 0-0 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘d4 ed4 11.♕d4 c6



Recently this variation has become very popular at top level. It has been employed by such players as Aronian, Vachier-Lagrave and Giri, and is another example of how much there is still to discover in chess. In fact the position in the diagram has been known since the 60s but it hasn’t attracted any attention for many years. Only in 2009 did Dominguez try it against Carlsen, but unfortunately for the line, he lost, and it was forgotten for the next two years. It appeared again in 2011 in the game Morozevich – Vachier, and Black...lost again. But this was just the start of its increase in popularity. In the following years Vachier improved his play in this line and other top players started to employ it against the 5.♕b3 variation.

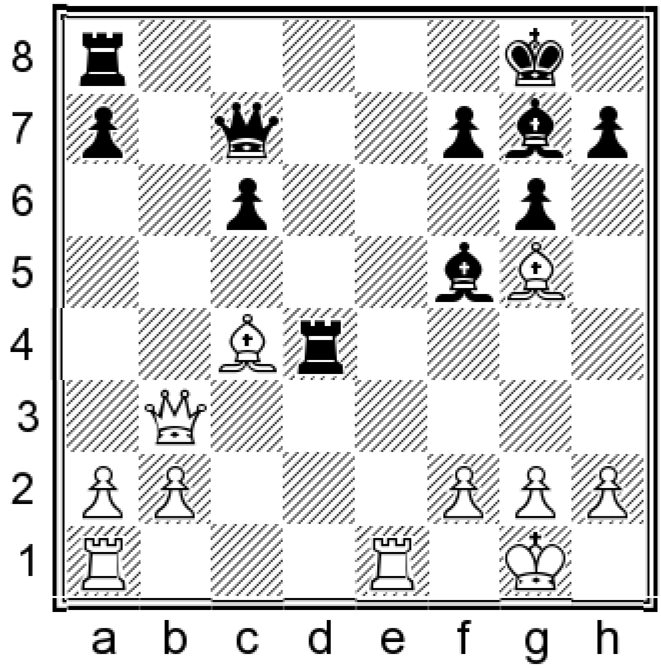
In the diagram position shown above White has three possibilities:

A. 12.♕d1,

B. 12.d6 (tried first in Carlsen – Dominguez) **and**

C. 12.♕c4 – which is now the main line.

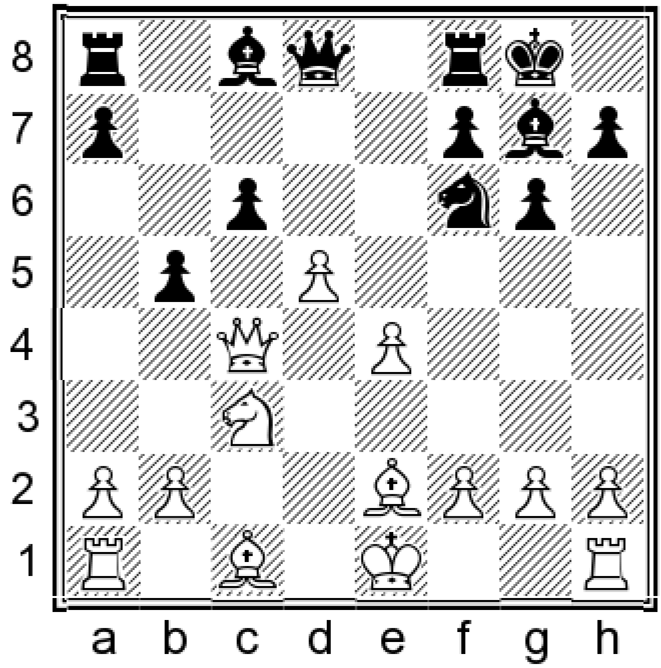
After 12.♕d1 Black wins back the pawn but has some problems with his development. Then a few normal moves later, the following position may arise:



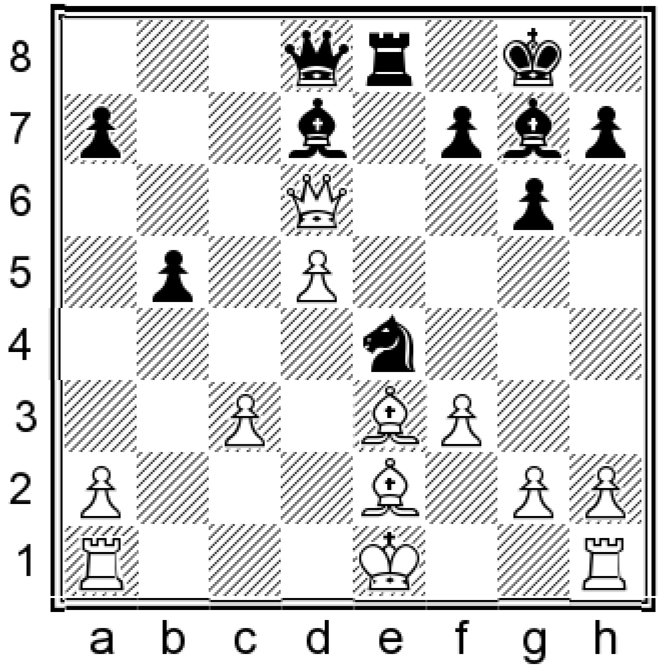
The threat ♖e7 is not easy to parry. The move ♖d7 doesn't help at all due to ♗f7! Nevertheless you'll find out how to deal with all this in the next section of the article.

Carlsen's move: 12.d6 brought him a victory but in subsequent games in this line Black did not seem to have any problems equalizing. The plan with ...♖e8 followed by ...b5 looks okay. Black's better development gives him time to collect the d6 pawn.

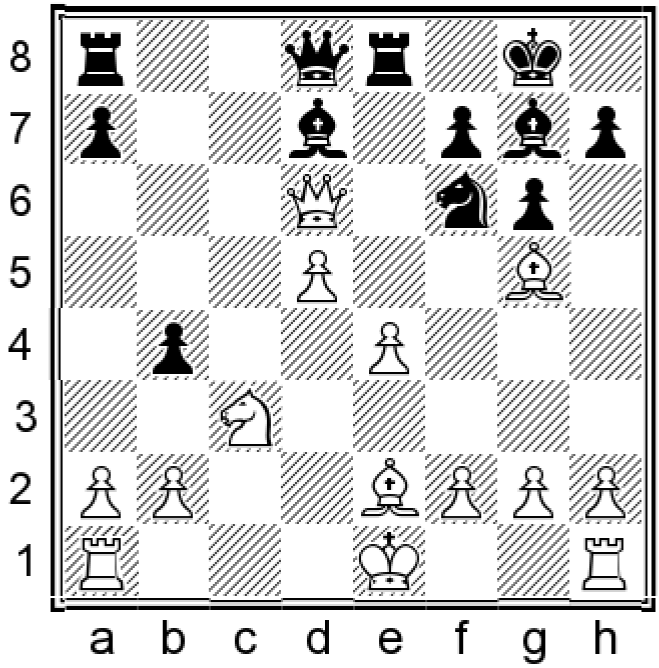
The most challenging continuation is 12.♕c4. Black has to sacrifice another pawn with 12...b5!



While White's queen spends time capturing the c6-pawn, Black completes the development of his pieces and prepares to attack the centre after 13.♕c6 ♗d7 14.♕d6 ♖e8. Of course White can defend the centre pawns with 15.f3 but after 15...♖c8 his position becomes very dangerous, e.g. 16.♗e3 ♖c3! 17.bc3 ♘e4!



Also after 16.♗d2 Black can exploit the same idea: 16...♗f8 17.♕a6 ♖c3! 18.♗c3(bc3) 18...♘e4!
Usually White chooses 15.♗g5 to defend the e4 pawn but Black temporarily sacrifices a third pawn with 15...b4!



After some more or less forced moves a position with opposite coloured bishops arises where Black has great chances of achieving a draw.
Detailed analysis will be found in the next section.

Part One: 12.♕c4

A) 15 ♗g5

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.♘c3 d5 5.♕b3 dc4

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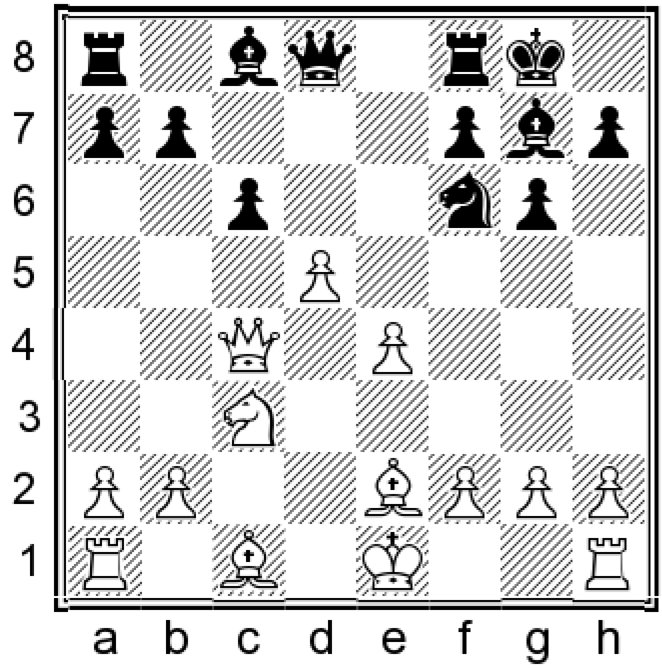
6.♕c4 0-0 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4!? 10.♘d4 ed4 11.♕d4 c6

Not entirely original. This move has been known for a long time but recently fresh ideas have emerged for Black, and now we have to look at it as a completely new concept and, at least for the time being, a very interesting one too. This is the starting position of the 9...♘d4 line. Now White has three main possibilities to avoid ...♘d5. The first and most frequently played is:

12.♕c4



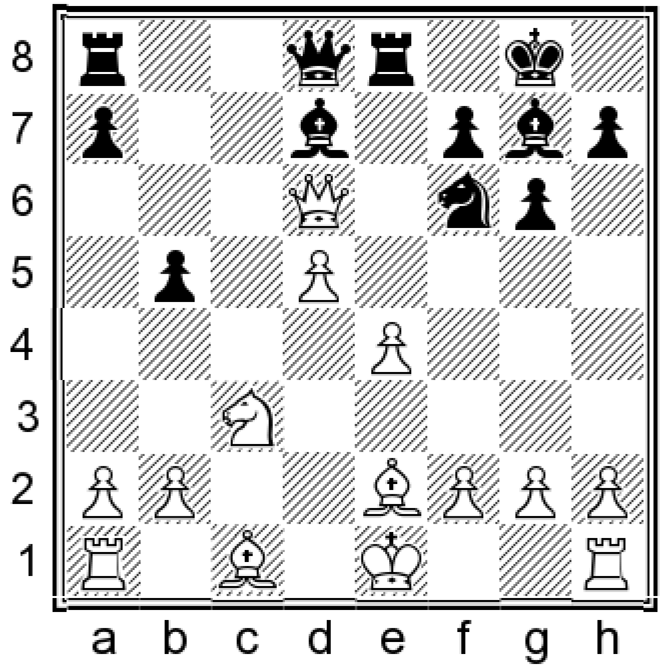
The main line of the system. White has a couple of solutions on move 15 to handle Black’s play.

12...b5!

This is an idea discovered recently. Black has to play very energetically so as not to allow White to develop all his pieces. The ...b5 move is a standard way to achieve counterplay in many lines of the Gruenfeld. Older ideas have failed to equalise, as we will see shortly.

12...cd5 13.ed5 ♗f5 14.0-0 ♖c8 15.♕b3 ♘e4 16.♘e4 ♗e4 17.♗f3 ♗f3 18.♕f3 is a line tried by Black in the past but without success. Although the position seems dry, Black does have problems as White’s extra pawn on d5 cannot be taken without consequences, e.g. 18...♕d7 (18...♖c5 19.♖d1 ♖e8 20.d6 ♕d7 21.♗e3 ♖c6 22.♖ac1 ♖ec8 23.♖c6 ♖c6 24.♕h3 ♕h3 25.gh3 ♗f6 26.♗a7± Gyimesi 2624 – Okhotnik 2440, Hungary 2005) 19.♖b1 ♖c2 20.♖d1 a6 21.d6 ♖e8 22.♗f4 b5 23.♖e1 ♖cc8 24.h3± R. Flügel – J. Barber, corr. 2007]

13.♕c6 ♗d7 14.♕d6 ♖e8



In return for the two sacrificed pawns, Black has developed his pieces and is ready to recover lost material.

15.♗g5

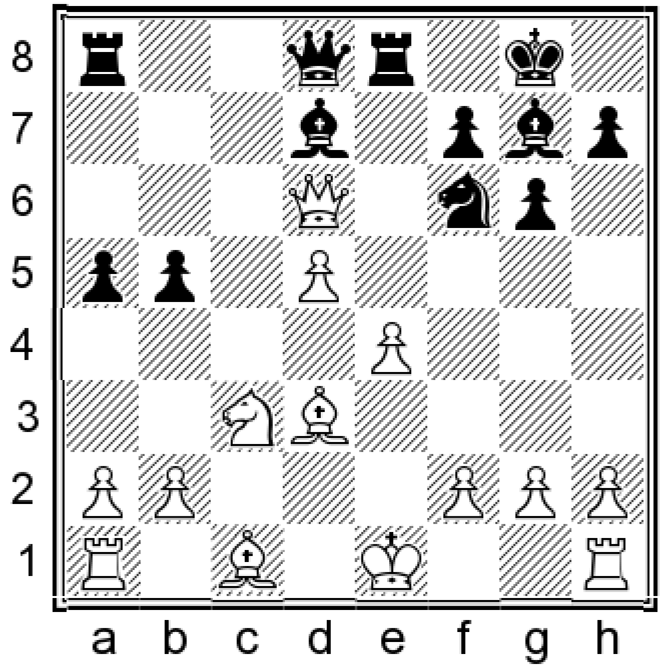
White moves his last minor piece into action and protects the hanging centre. For 15.f3 see the next section.

[15.♗d3 has been played only once, in Koneru 2613 – Harika 2503, Lopota 2014. In that game Black didn't react well (15...♘h5) and got the worse position.

My recommendation is 15...♘g4!? But other moves come into consideration:

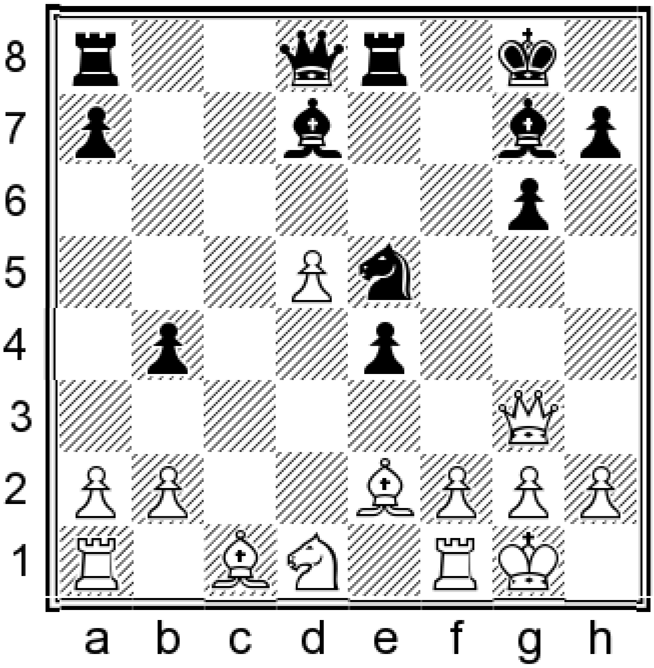
A) 15...♘e4 looks tempting but it exchanges too many pieces and makes White's life much easier. Although after 16.♘e4 f5 17.0-0 fe4 18.♗e2 ♗e5 19.♕a3 ♕f6 Black has compensation for the pawn, I prefer to keep the knights on the board.

B) 15...a5!?

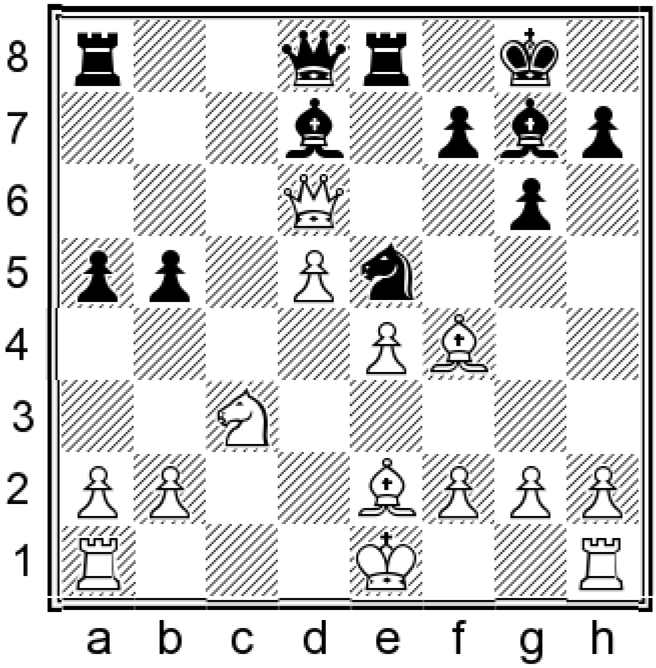


This might be an interesting alternative. 16.f3 ♘h5 17.♗e3 b4 18.♘d1 (18.♘e2 ♗b2 19.♖b1 ♗e5 20.♕b6 ♗c7 21.♕c5 ♖c8 and it’s very difficult to avoid the harassment of White’s queen.) 18...♗e5 19.♕b6 ♕b6 20.♗b6 ♘f4 21.♔d2 ♘g2 22.♖b1 ♘f4 23.♗c4 ♖ec8 24.b3 a4∞;

C) 15...♘g4!?
C1) 16.♕g3 f5 17.0-0 b4 18.♘d1 fe4 19.♗e2 but if we compare this position to the one reached in line A, Black has many more possibilities. The knight has an outpost on the d3 square. 19...♘e5

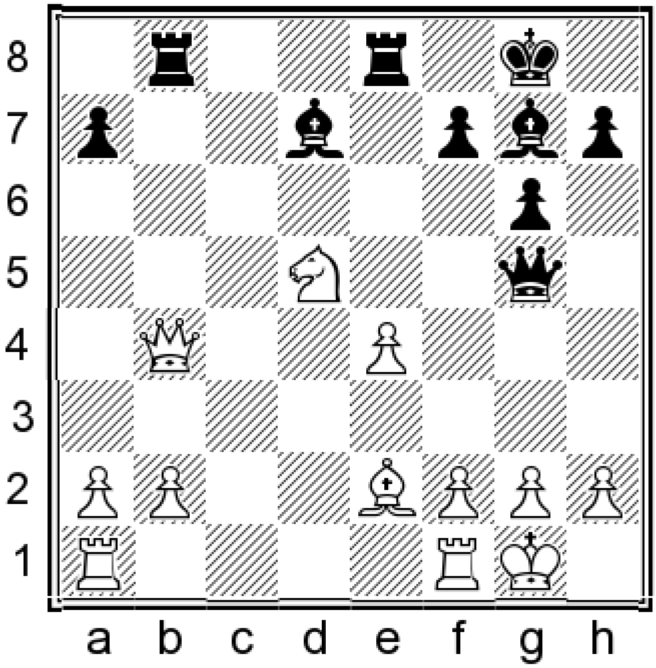


20.♕b3 a5 21.a3 (21.♘e3 ♖b8 22.a4 ba3 23.♕a3 a4 24.d6 ♔h8 leaves White with a huge problem developing his pieces.) 21...a4! 22.♕b4 ♘d3 23.♗d3 (If 23.♕d2 ♖b8 24.♘c3 ♘f2 25.♕e3 ♘d3 26.♗d3 ed3 27.♕d3 ♕h4 28.d6 ♖e6 29.♗f4 ♖b2 and Black’s initiative is very dangerous.) 23...♖b8! 24.♕c4 (24.♗b5 ♗b5 25.♗f4 ♗f8 26.♕c3 ♖c8 27.♕d2 ♗f1 28.♔f1 ♕f6 and Black is fine.) 24...♖c8 25.♕a6 ♖a8 26.♕b7 ♖b8 27.♕a7 ed3 28.♗f4 ♖a8 29.♕b7 ♖e4 30.♗d6 ♕c8 31.♕c8 ♖c8 and, with the bishop-pair and a strong passed pawn, Black has nothing to worry about.
C2) 16.♗f4 ♘e5 Now the disadvantage of White’s 15th move can be seen. 17.♗e2 a5



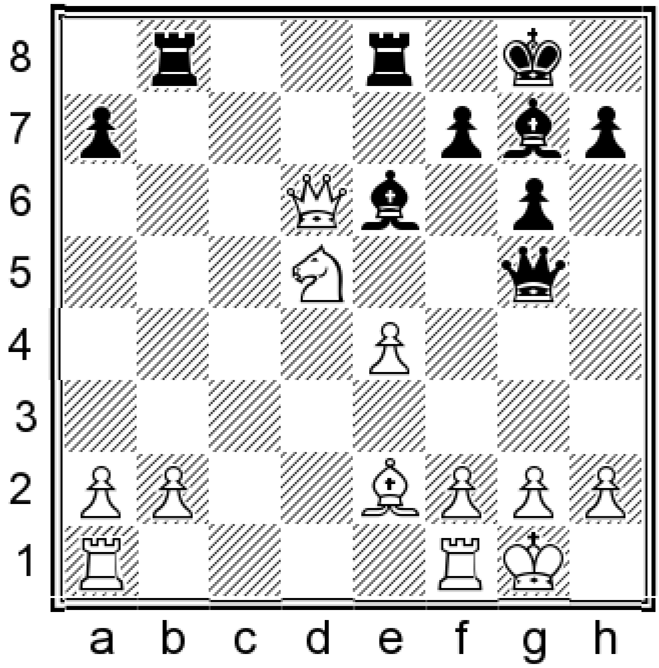
With a very nice threat of ...♗f8. White doesn't have time to castle! 18.♗e3 b4 19.♘b5 ♘g4 20.♗g4 ♗b5 21.♕d8 ♖ad8 22.0-0-0 ♖e4 23.♗f3 ♖c4 24.♔b1 b3! 25.ab3 (25.a3 ♖c2) 25...♖b4 26.♗b6 ♖c8 27.d6 ♗d7 28.♗c7 ♖b3 29.♖d2 ♖e8 with full compensation.

15...b4! 16.♕b4 ♘d5 17.♘d5 ♕g5 18.0-0 ♖ab8



Black will regain one pawn but the question is: can he hold the game a pawn down? Personally I think his bishop-pair and activity gives him real chances of achieving that goal.

19.♕d6 ♗h3
[19...♗e6



A) 20.f4 ♕h4 21.♖ad1 ♗f8 22.♕a6 ♗d5 23.ed5? (23.♖d5 ♖e4 24.b3 ♖f4 25.♕a7 ♖f1 26.♗f1 ♖c8=∞) 23...♖b2 24.♗f3 ♗c5! (24...♕f4 25.d6∓ Radjabov 2734 – Aronian 2797, Beijing 2014) 25.♔h1 ♗e3–+;

B) 20.♖ad1 20...♖b2 21.♗c4 ♗f8 22.♕g3 ♕g3 23.hg3±]

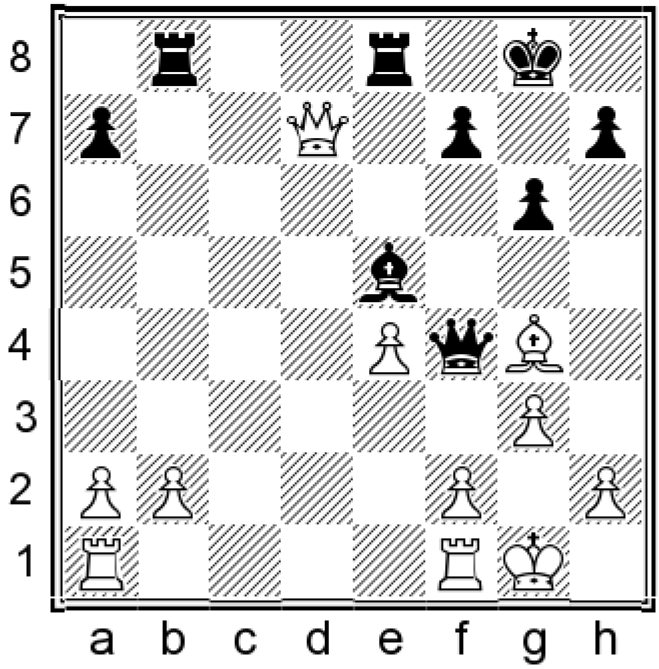
20.♘f4

[20.♕g3 ♕g3 21.hg3 ♖b2 22.♗d1 ♗d7 23.♗b3 ♖e4 was Miton 2622 – Vachier-Lagrave 2680, Belfort 2012. Black managed to win this position.]

20...♗g4 21.♗g4 ♗e5 22.♕d7 ♕f4

After more or less forced moves a position with opposite-coloured bishops has been reached. Black is temporarily two pawns down but has the more active pieces.

23.g3



23...♕f6 24.♖ad1

[White can also protect his pawns with 24.♖ab1 h5, weakening White’s kingside. 25.♗h3 ♗d4 26.♕c7 h4 27.♔g2 (27.b4 ♗b6 28.♕c4 hg3 29.hg3 ♕f3 30.♕b3 ♕b3 31.♖b3 ♖e4 and a draw is not far off.) 27...♖b4 28.♕c2 ♗b2 29.♖fe1 a5 and White’s pieces are passively placed, particularly the bishop on h3. Black should hold this position without any difficulty.]

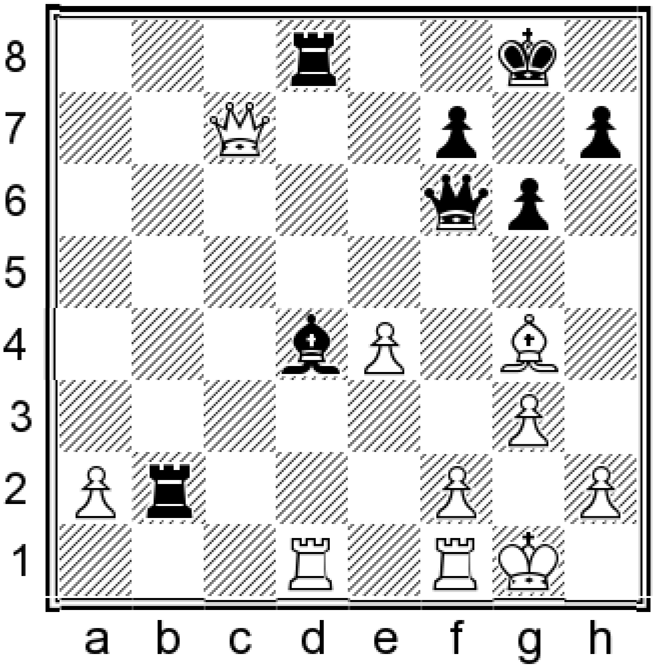
24...♖ed8

At the Wijk an Zee tournament in 2015, Giri played 24...♗b2 against Aronian and drew the game, but in my opinion he could do that more easily by placing his bishop on d4.

25.♕a7 ♗d4!

In this type of position, it is usually very important to attack the f2 (f7) pawn.

26.♕c7 ♖b2



Now the pressure on White’s weakest point is too great and the f2 pawn must fall.

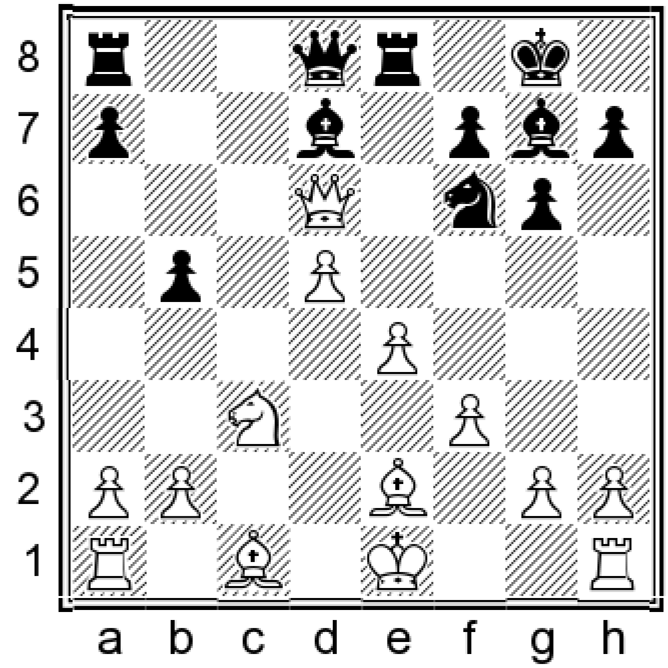
27.e5 ♗f2 28.♔h1 ♖d1 29.♗d1

[29.♖d1 ♕a6 30.♕c3 ♖c2 31.♕d3 ♕d3 32.♖d3 ♖a2 33.e6 ♗c5 34.♖d7 ♖a1 35.♔g2 fe6 36.♗e6 ♔h8=]

29...♕a6 30.♕d8 ♔g7 31.♕f6 ♕f6 32.ef6 ♔f8 33.♗b3 ♗d4 34.♖c1 ♗f6 35.♖c8 ♔e7 36.♖c7 ♔e8 37.♗f7 ♔d8 38.♖c6 ♗d4 39.♗g6 hg6 40.♖d6 ♔e7 41.♖d4 ♖a2=

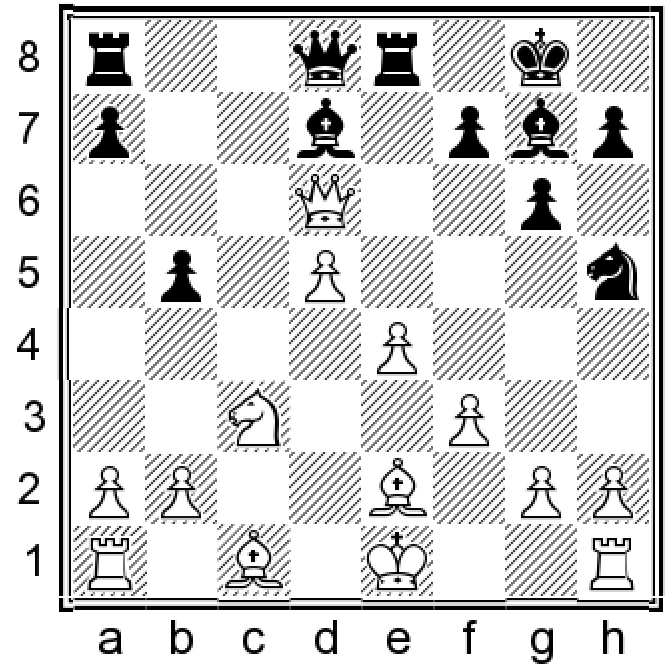
B) 15.f3

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dc4 6.♕c4 0-0 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘d4 ed4 11.♕d4 c6 12.♕c4 b5 13.♕c6 ♗d7 14.♕d6 ♖e8 15.f3



Defending the centre by f3 is highly important as White is trying to hold on to the two extra pawns, after all defending your material gains is always an important issue. Probably Black’s whole concept depends on whether or not he can obtain compensation. We will reach some highly interesting positions. White’s pawn chain looks very solid and he only needs 2-3 moves to finish his development and his two-pawn advantage will be decisive. But it’s not so simple after:

15...♖c8!N
The last black piece to enter the game is going to inflict the final blow against the centre. Now White is at an important crossroads:
[Previously 15...♘h5

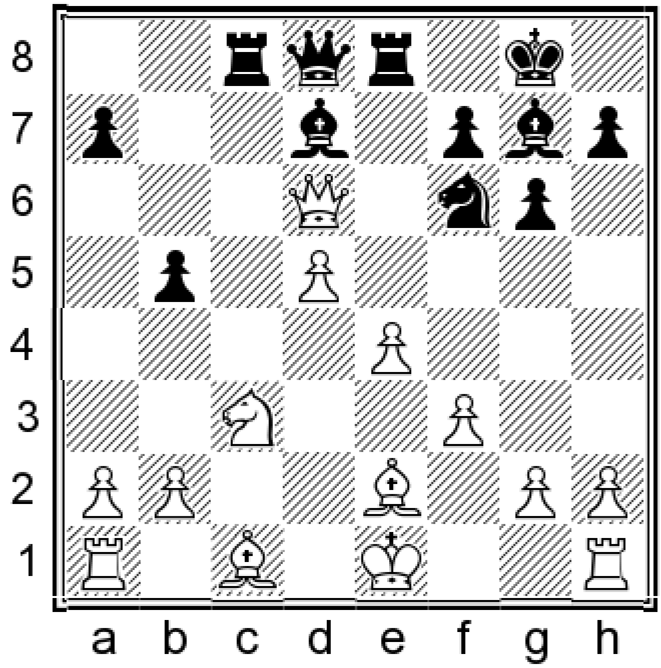


was played, met by 16.♗e3. White doesn’t have to hurry with g3, as played in the game Meier 2646 – W. So 2677, Saint Louis 2012.

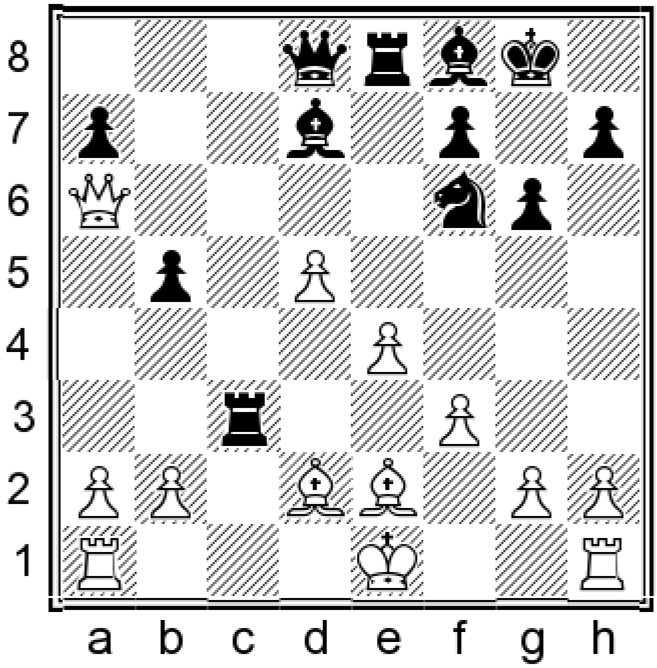
A) 16...♗e5 17.♕a6

A1) Adhiban played 17...♘f4!? and after 18.♗f4 ♗f4 19.g3 ♗e3? (Better is 19...b4! 20.♘d1 ♗e5 21.♖c1 ♗d4 with some compensation.) 20.♗b5 his position was lost. Sandipan 2590 – Adhiban 2547, Moscow 2013;
A2) 17...♕h4 looks tempting but after 18.♗f2 ♗g3 19.hg3! ♕h1 20.♗f1 b4 21.♘b5 ♗b5 22.♕b5 ♕h2 23.d6 ♘g3 24.d7 ♖ed8 25.♕d5 ♘f1 26.♔f1 ♕h1 27.♗g1 ♕h5 28.e5 White is better;

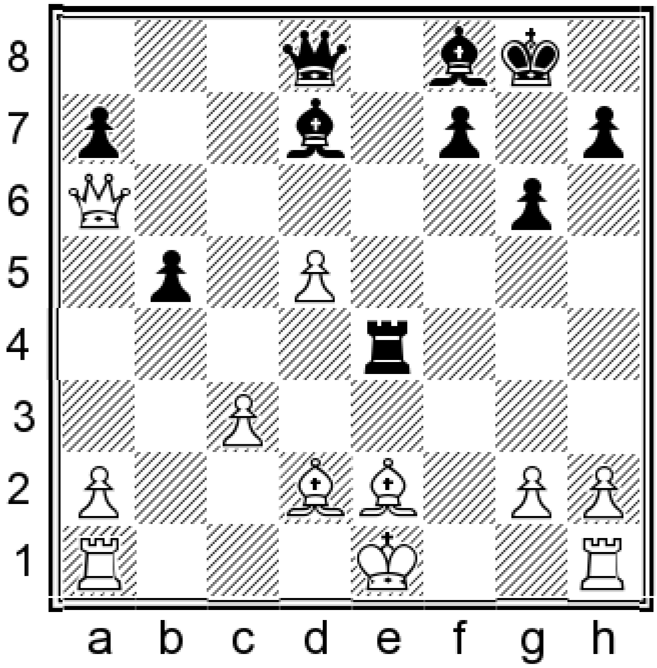
B) 16...f5!? 17.g3! fe4 18.f4 Closing all files on the kingside. 18...♖c8 19.♕a3 a5 20.♘b5 ♖c2 21.♘c3 ♕b8 22.♖c1 ♖b2 23.♘d1 and the rook has to leave the second rank.]



16.0-0
With this move White avoids the exchange sacrifice on c3 but allows Black to launch an attack on the kingside.
[If 16.♗e3 ♖c3! 17.bc3 ♘e4! With so many active pieces Black can sacrifice a whole rook! 18.fe4 ♗c3 19.♔f2 ♗e5 20.♕b4 White has to give back the rook. (20.♕a6? ♕h4 21.g3 ♕e4 22.♕a7 ♗h3 23.♖af1 ♕g2 24.♔e1 ♗c3 25.♔d1 ♕d5 26.♔c2 ♗f1 27.♖f1 ♗g7–+) 20...♕f6 21.♗f3 ♗a1 and Black is slightly better.
Or 16.♗d2 trying to defend the knight. 16...♗f8 17.♕a6 (17.♕g3 b4 18.♘d1 ♕b6 19.♖c1 ♖c1 20.♗c1 ♗c5 and Black has full compensation. White has a problem hiding his king and activating his rook.) 17...♖c3! Anyway!



18.bc3 (18.♗c3 ♘e4! A well known motif! 19.fe4 ♕h4 20.♔d1 ♕e4 21.♗b5 ♗g4 22.♔c1 ♗h6 23.♗d2 ♗d2 24.♔d2 ♕d4 25.♔c1 ♕e3 26.♔c2 ♗f5 27.♗d3 ♕e2 28.♔c3 ♗d3 29.♕d3 ♖c8 30.♔d4 ♕f2 31.♕e3 ♕b2 32.♔e4 ♕g2 33.♔d4 ♕b2 34.♔e4 ♖e8 35.♔f3 ♖e3 36.♔e3 ♕e5–+) 18...♘e4 19.fe4 ♖e4



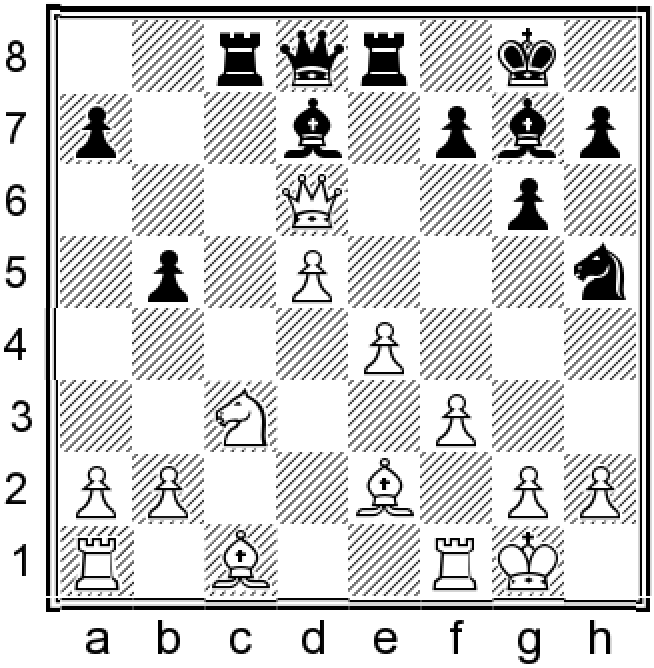
A) 20.♔d1 ♖e2! 21.♔e2 ♗g4 22.♔f2 (22.♔f1 ♕d5 23.♕a7 ♗c5–+) 22...♗c5 and Black is winning as can be seen from the following examples:

A1) 23.♔g3 ♕d5 24.♖hf1 ♕d2 25.h3 (25.♕b7 ♕c3 26.♔h4 ♗e6–+) 25...♕c3 26.♔h2 ♕e5 27.♔h1 ♗d6 28.♕d6 ♕d6 29.hg4 ♕d4–+;

A2) 23.♗e3 ♗e3 24.♔e3 ♕g5 25.♔e4 ♗f5 26.♔f3 (26.♔d4 ♕d2 27.♔c5 ♕c3 28.♔b5 ♗d3) 26...♕g4 27.♔e3 ♕e4 28.♔f2 (28.♔d2 ♕d3 29.♔e1 ♗g4 30.♔f2 ♕e2 31.♔g3 ♕e3 32.♔g4 h5 33.♔h4 ♕f4 34.♔h3 ♕g4#) 28...♕f4 29.♔e2 ♗g4 30.♔d3 ♕c4 31.♔c2 ♗f5 32.♔b2 ♕e2 33.♔a3 (33.♔b3 ♕c2 34.♔b4 ♕b2 35.♔a5 ♕c3 36.♔b5 ♗d3–+) 33...b4 finally winning the queen.;

B) 20.♕a7 Trying to bring the queen back into the game. 20...♕c8! 21.♖f1 (21.h3 ♗c5 22.♕a5 ♖a4 but 21...♗g4 was not the only threat in this position. Suddenly White’s queen is trapped! 23.♕a4 ba4∓) 21...♗c5 22.♕a5 ♗g4 (22...♖a4 is also possible but then White manages to develop his rooks: 23.♕a4 ba4 24.♖b1 with a very complex position.) 23.♖f3 ♕e8 24.0-0-0 Finally White’s king starts to feel safe. 24...♖e2 25.♖f4 h5 26.a4 ♖g2 27.♖g4 hg4 28.♕b5 ♗a3 29.♔c2 ♕e4 30.♔b3 ♗c1 31.♖c1 ♖d2 32.♖f1 ♖d5 The position is equal but White will face some problems because of his exposed king.]

16...♘h5

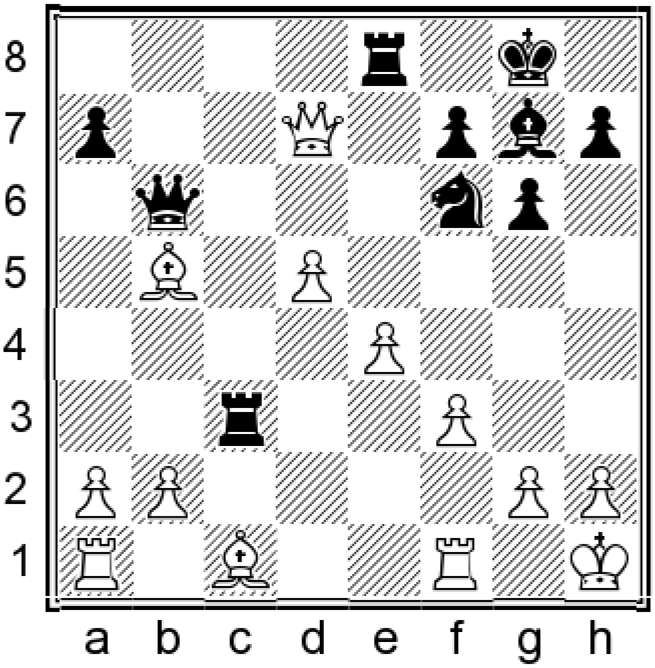


17.♗b5
[17.g3? ♗d4 18.♔h1 ♗e5 19.♕a6 ♗g3! 20.hg3 ♘g3 21.♔g1 ♕h4 and White’s king is in a helpless position. 22.♗b5 ♗b5 23.♕b5 ♖e5 24.♕a6 ♖ce8 25.♕b5 a6 –+ and the queen can’t attack the black rook and protect the white one at the same time.]

17...♖c3! Again this thematic move.

18.♕d7
[18.bc3 ♗b5 19.♕d8 ♖d8 20.♖f2 ♗c3 21.♖b1 a6 and here the minor pieces are no worse than rook and two pawns, e.g. 22.g4 ♘f6 23.♗b2 ♗b2 24.♖fb2 ♘d7 25.♖c1 f5 26.gf5 gf5 27.♖c7 fe4 28.fe4 ♗d3 29.♖bb7 ♘f6]

18...♕b6 19.♔h1 ♘f6



20.♕e8 ♘e8 21.♗e8 ♖c2

Invading the 2nd rank is always very important!

22.♗f4 ♖b2 23.♖ac1

[23.d6 ♖g2! 24.♔g2 ♗a1 25.♖a1 ♕b2 26.♔h3 ♕a1 27.d7 ♕f1 28.♔g3 ♕g1 and the d7 pawn gives White only a draw.]

23...♕f6!

[23...♗d4?! An attempt to exchange the dark-square bishop, but it’s too slow. 24.d6 ♗e3 25.♗e3 ♕e3 26.♖cd1 ♕g5 27.♖g1 ♔f8 28.♗c6 and White’s chances are better.]

24.♗e3

[24.♗g3 h5! with the plan h5-h4-h3. 25.e5 (25.h4 ♗h6 and ♗f4) 25...♕f5 26.e6 fe6 27.d6 ♗f6 28.h4 ♗h4! 29.♗h4 ♕f4 30.♗e7 g5 31.♖c8 ♕h4 32.♔g1 ♕d4 with a perpetual check.]

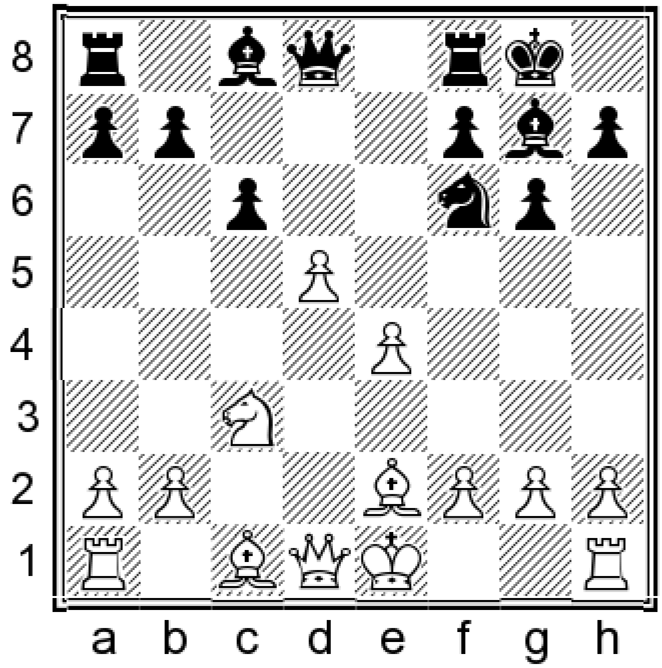
24...♖e2 25.♗g1

[25.♗a7? is too greedy! 25...♕g5 26.g3 (26.♖g1 ♗e5) 26...♕h6 27.h4 (27.♗g1 ♗d4) 27...♕d2 28.♗g1 ♗e5 29.♖fd1 ♕b2 30.♖c8 ♔g7 31.♖c7 Kh6 and Black is winning.]

25...♕d8 26.♗b5 ♖a2 27.♖c6 ♕g5 28.♖c8 ♗f8 29.♖f2 ♖a1 30.♖f1 ♖a2 with a drawn position.

Part Two: 12.♕d1

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dc4 6.♕c4 0-0 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘d4 ed4 11.♕d4 c6 12.♕d1

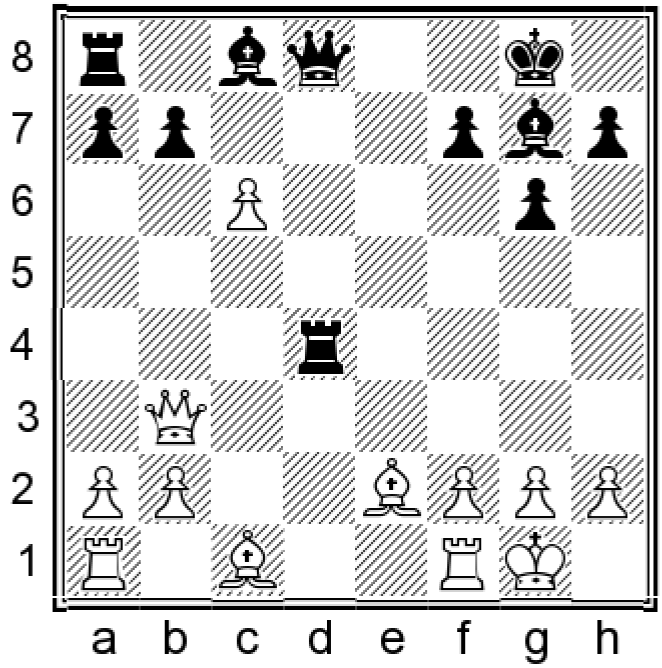


A quiet but very venomous move. Compared to the other moves White changes his strategy. He wants to give back the pawn and develop his pieces as quickly as possible.

12...♖e8 13.0-0

[White derives no profit from 13.dc6. Then 13...♕d1 14.♘d1 ♖e4 It's better to take the pawn with the rook as the black knight should go to the d5 square. 15.♘c3 ♖e7 16.0-0 bc6 17.♗f3 ♗g4 18.♗c6 ♖c8 19.♗a4 ♘e4 20.♘d5 ♖e5 21.♘e3 ♗e6 with strong pressure on the queenside.]

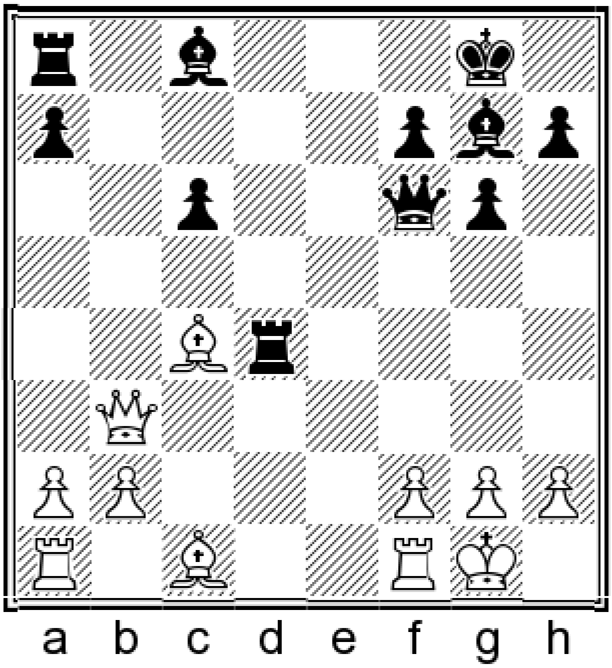
13...♘e4 14.♘e4 ♖e4 15.dc6 ♖d4 16.♕b3



16...bc6 17.♗c4 ♕c7

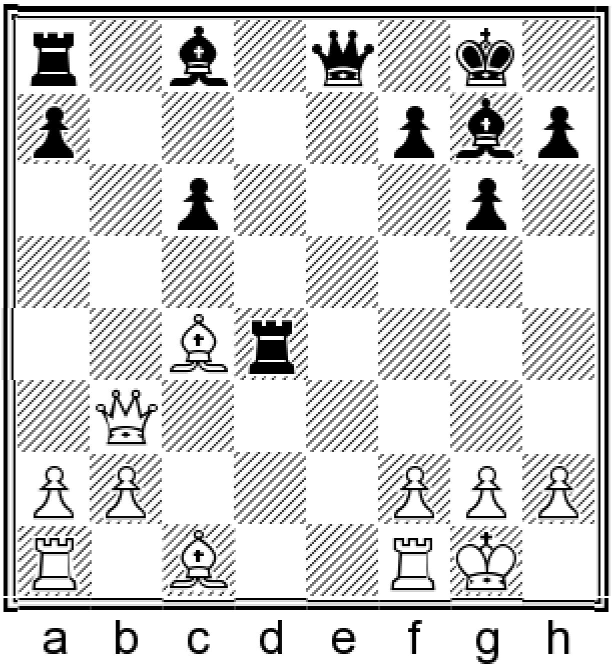
Black failed to solve his problems in another recent game.

[17...♕f6



18.♗e3 ♖d8 19.♖ad1 ♖d1 20.♖d1 h5 21.h4 ♗g4 22.♗g5! (22.f3 ♗f5 23.♗g5 ♕e5 24.♗f7 ♔h7 25.♕c3 ♕c7 26.♕c4 ♕b6 27.♔h1 ♕b2 28.♗e6 ♖f8 29.♗f5 ♖f5 30.♖d7↑ Harikrishna 2727 – Vachier Lagrave 2758, Beijing (blitz) 2014, although in the end he did manage to escape with a draw.) 22...♕b2 (22...♕f5 23.f3+–) 23.♗f7 ♔f8 24.♖e1 ♕b3 25.♗b3 ♖e8 26.♖c1 ♖c8 27.♗e3±;

The older try was 17...♕e8!?

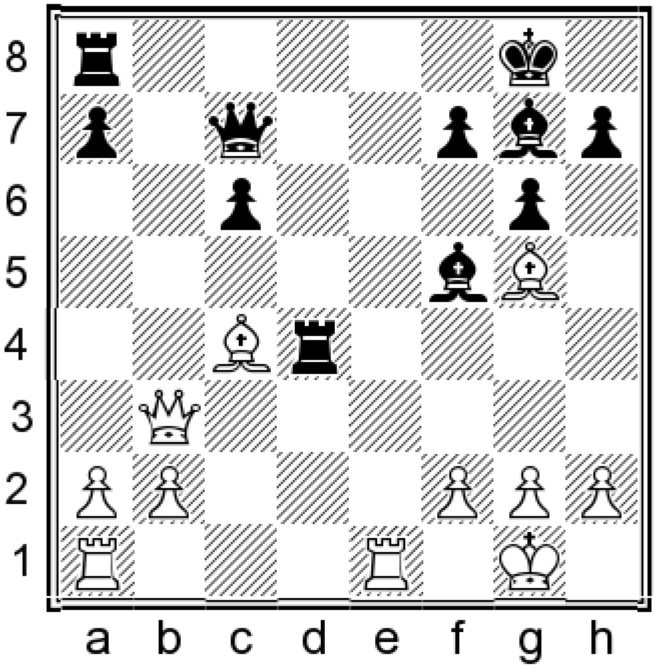


18.♗e3 (18.♗g5 ♖e4 19.f3 ♖e5 20.♗f4 ♖e7 21.♖ad1 ♗e6 22.♖d2 c5 ½:½ Eingorn 2530 – Kuzmin 2520, Kharkiv 1985 – 41/(553), and Black obtained good play.) 18...♖e4 19.♖ad1 ♗e6 20.♗e6 ♕e6 21.♕e6 ♖e6 22.b3 a5 23.a4 ♖b8 24.♖d3 ♖e4 25.♖fd1 h5 26.♖d8 ♖d8 27.♖d8 ♔h7 28.♖d7 ♔g8 29.♔f1 ♗c3 30.♔e2± White still has some pressure but Black is holding – at least for now.]

18.♖e1 ♗f5 19.♗g5

The situation on the board has changed. Now it is White who has the more active pieces.

[19.♗e3 ♖d7 20.♖ad1 ♖d1 21.♖d1 ♗e5 22.h3 ♖b8 23.♕a3 ♗b2 24.♕a7 ♕a7 25.♗a7 ♖a8 26.♗e3 h5 27.♖d6 ♗e4 28.g4 hg4 29.hg4 ♗d5 30.♗d5 ½–½ Mason – Kopasov, corr. 2013]

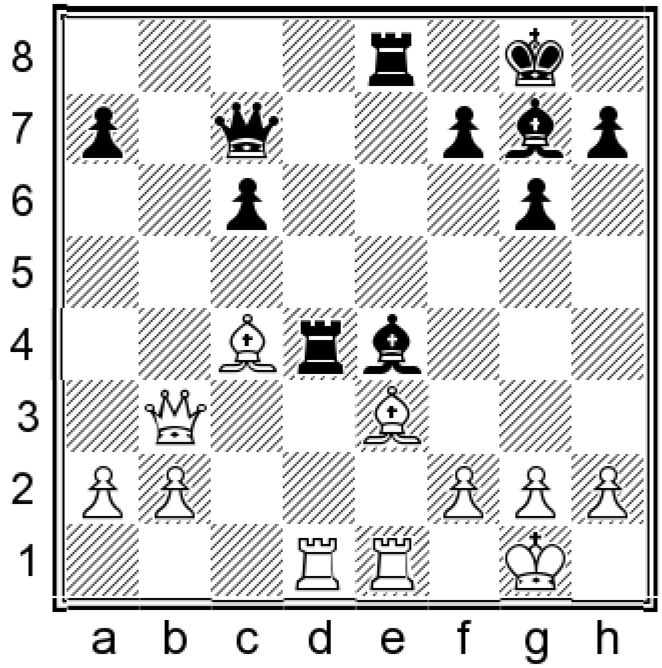


19...♗e4!N
The only move to protect the f7 pawn.
[19...♖d7? loses a pawn because of 20.♗f7! as was seen in Sandipan 2618 – Baron 2452, Benasque 2012; 19...♗e5 20.♗f7! ♔g7 21.f4 ♕f7 22.♕f7 ♔f7 23.fe5± was Lang 2170 – Lechtynsky 2425, Germany 1997]

20.♖ad1
[20.♗e3 ♖d7 21.♖ad1 ♖d1 22.♕d1 ♖d8 23.♕a4 ♗d5 24.♗g5 ♖f8 25.♗d5 cd5 26.♖e7 ♕b6 27.b4 ♗f6 28.♗f6 ♕f6=]

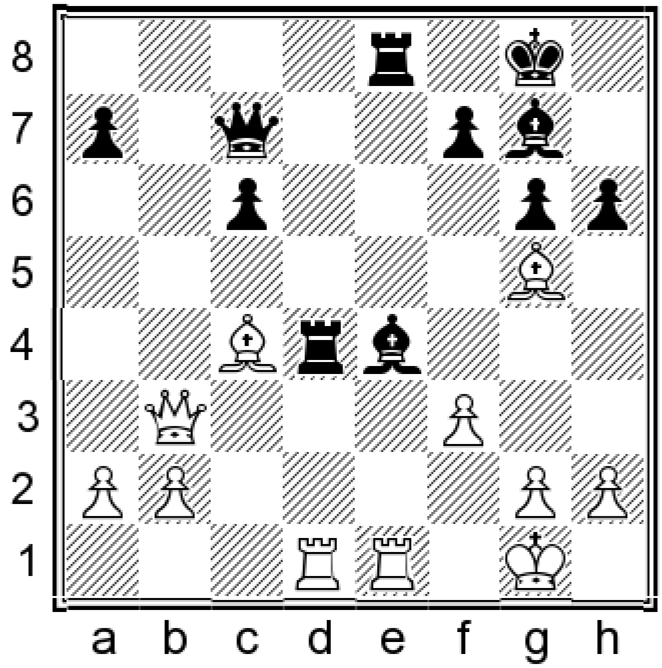
20...♖e8 Another very important move and a very difficult one. Black doesn't have to be afraid of the pin.

21.f3!? Direct play but possibly not the best.
[21.h3 ♖d1 22.♖d1 ♗d5 23.♗d5 cd5 24.♕b5 ♖b8 25.♕d5 ♗b2=; 21.♗e3



21...♖d1 22.♖d1 a5 23.h3± In such a position we can say that White still has pressure.]

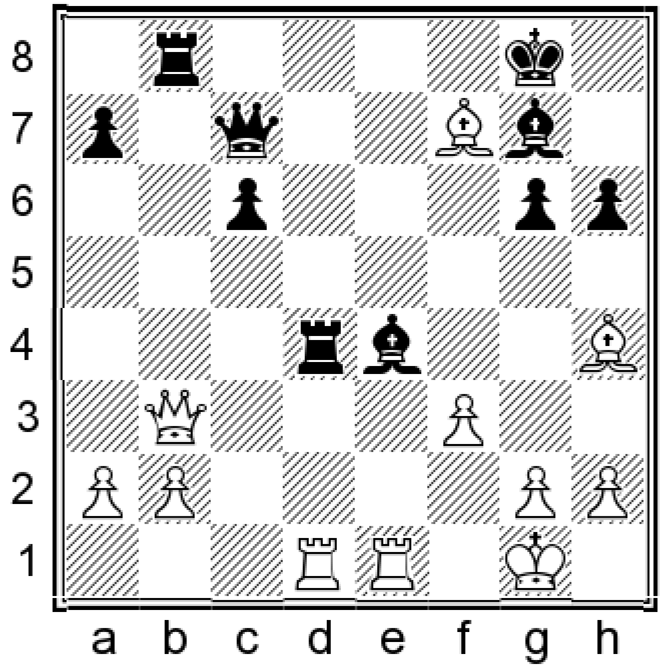
21...h6!



A strong idea, preparing to make the h7 square available for the black king.
[21...♖b8? 22.♗f7 ♔h8? 23.♖d4! ♗d4 24.♗e3! ♗e3 25.♕e3 ♕f7 26.♕e4 and White is better.]

22.♗h4
[22.♗h6 ♖d1 23.♕d1 ♗h6 24.fe4 ♗f4 25.g3 ♗g3 26.♗f7 ♕f7 27.hg3 ♕a2 Black is okay.]

22...♖b8! 23.♗f7



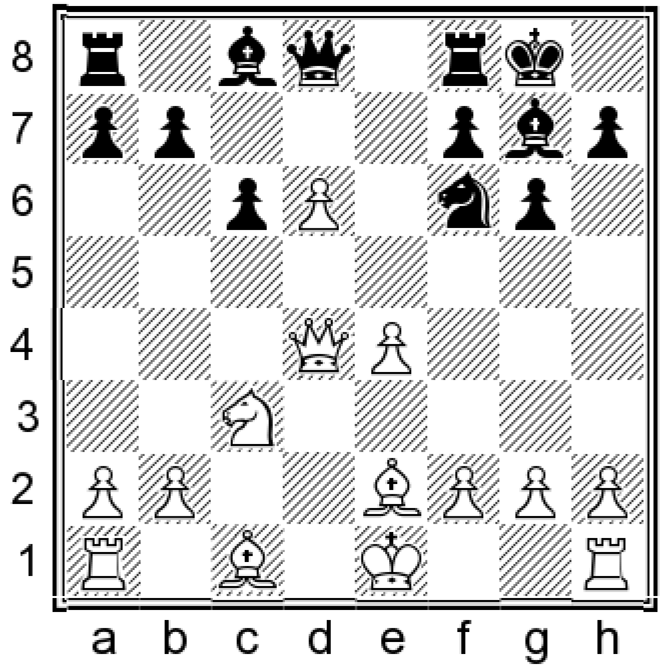
23...♔h7 The point of the 21st move!

24.♗g8
[24.♗g3 ♖b3 25.♗c7 ♖b7! 26.fe4 ♖c7 27.♗b3 ♖d1 28.♖d1 ♗b2=]

24...♖g8 25.♗g3 ♖d1 26.♖d1 ♕b6 27.♕b6 ab6 28.fe4 ♗b2=

Part Three: 12.d6

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dc4 6.♕c4 0-0 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘d4 ed4 11.♕d4 c6 12.d6



12...♖e8

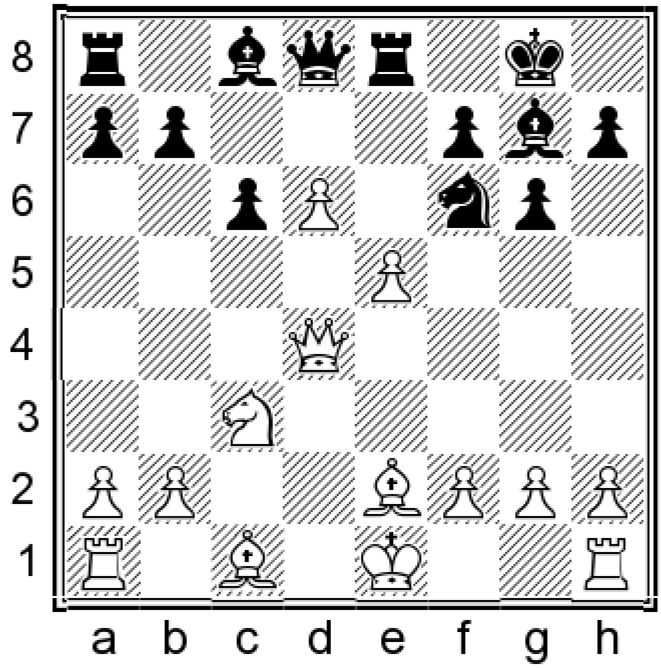
In this position Dominguez tried 12...♘d5 against Carlsen. Also there is 12...♘d7, but the text move has become the most popular choice.

[12...♘d5 13.♕d3 ♘c3 14.bc3 ♕f6 15.♗b2 ♖d8 16.♖d1 ♕e6 17.f4 ♕a2 18.♖d2 ♕a5 19.♕e3 ♗d7 20.♔f2± Carlsen 2770 – Dominguez Perez 2717, Sofia 2009 – 106/151. Although Black recovered his pawn he couldn’t prove equality after that;

12...♘d7 13.♕d1 (13.♕e3 ♗e5 14.0-0 ♗d6 15.♕h6 ♖e8 16.♗e3 ♗f8 17.♕f4 ♗g7∞ Gordon 2533 – A. Hunt 2436, Great Britain (ch) 2011) 13...♘c5 14.0-0 ♖e8 15.f3 ♗e5 16.♗e3 ♗d6 with interesting play ahead.]

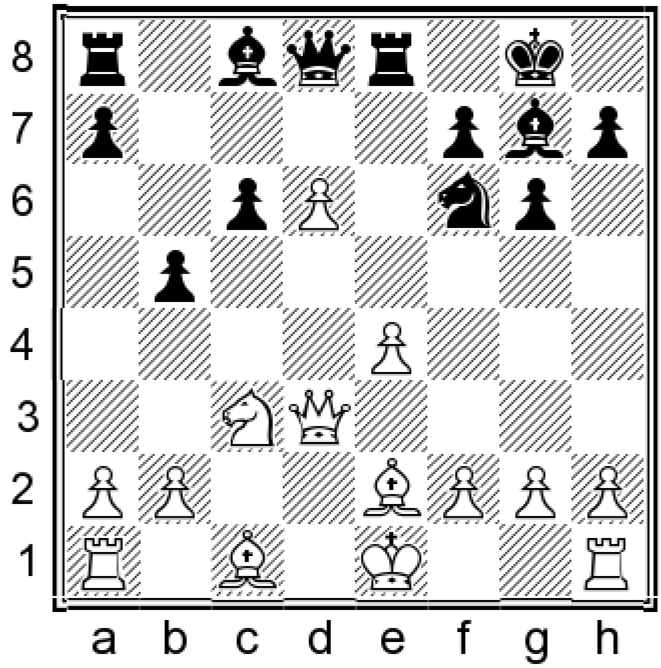
13.♕d3

[13.e5



13...♘d5 (It’s very tempting to play 13...♘g4?! 14.f4 ♘e5 15.fe5 ♗e5 16.♕f2 ♕d6 but after 17.♗d2 White would consolidate his position and his knight will be stronger than the three pawns.) 14.f4 ♕d6 15.♗d2 (15.0-0 ♕b4 16.♕b4 ♘b4 17.♘e4 ♘c2 18.♖b1 ♗f5 19.♘d6 ♘d4 20.♗c4 ♗b1 21.♗f7 ♔f8 22.♗e8 ♘f5 23.♗e3 ♘d6 24.ed6 ♖e8 25.♗c5 ♔f7 26.♖b1 b6 27.♗a3 ♖e4 and the d6 pawn is virtually lost and without it White will have to start thinking how to make a draw; 15.♗e3 ♕b4 16.0-0 ♕b2 17.♘d5 ♕d4 18.♗d4 cd5 19.♖fc1 ♗f5 20.♖c7 b6 White has compensation for the pawn but it is enough only for a draw.) 15...♗e6 (15...♕b4 is also possible. Then 16.♗c4 ♕b6 17.♕b6 ♘b6 18.♗b3 ♗e6 19.0-0-0 f6 with equal chances.) 16.0-0 ♕c7 17.♘d5 ♗d5 18.♗c3 ♕b6 19.♗f3 ♕d4 20.♗d4 ♖ed8 and Black will be first on the d-file.]

13...b5



Trying to drive away the white knight from the centre.

14.f3
[14.a3?! A waste of time. 14...♗e6 15.f3 ♗c4 16.♕d1 ♖e6

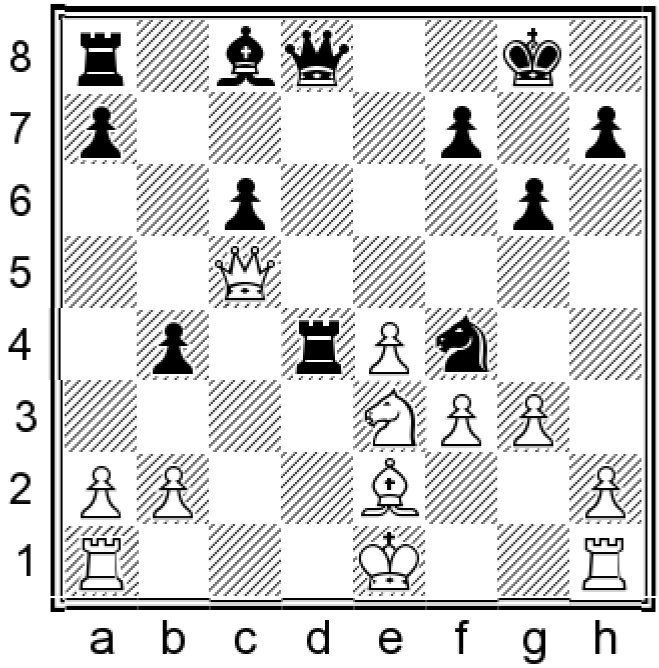
A) 17.♗e3 ♘d5! 18.♘d5 cd5 19.0-0 (19.♗c4 dc4) 19...♕d6 20.♗c4 bc4 21.♗d4 de4 22.♗g7 ♔g7 23.♕d6 ♖d6 24.fe4 ♖e8 with the more pleasant rook endgame;

B) 17.♗c4 bc4 18.0-0 ♖d6 19.♕e2 ♖d3 and Black has strong pressure on the queenside.]

14...♖e6 Not the only way to try to regain the pawn.
[14...b4 15.♘d1 ♖e6 16.♕c2 ♘h5 17.♗e3 ♗e5 18.g3 ♖d6

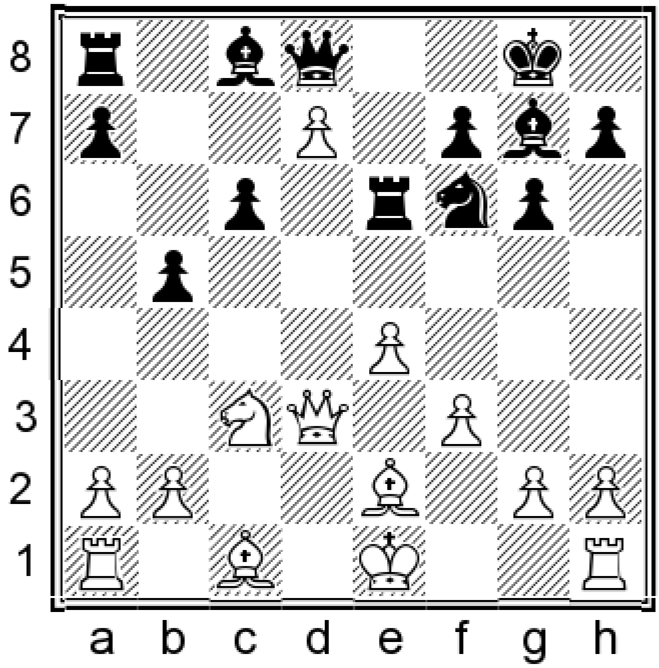
A) 19.♕c5 ♗d4 20.♗d4 ♖d4 21.♘e3 ♘f4!? (21...♗e6 22.♘c2 ♖d2 23.♘b4± Morozevich 2694 – Vachier Lagrave 2722, Biel 2011) 22.gf4 ♕h4 23.♔f1 ♗h3 24.♘g2 ♖ad8 25.♕g5 ♕g5 26.fg5 ♖d2 27.♖g1 ♖b2 28.♔e1 ♗g2 29.♖g2 ♖dd2 30.f4 c5 reaching a fascinating position which, like so many in this line, is difficult to assess. I would say that chances are equal.

B) 19.♘f2 ♗d4 20.♗d4 ♖d4 21.0-0!±]



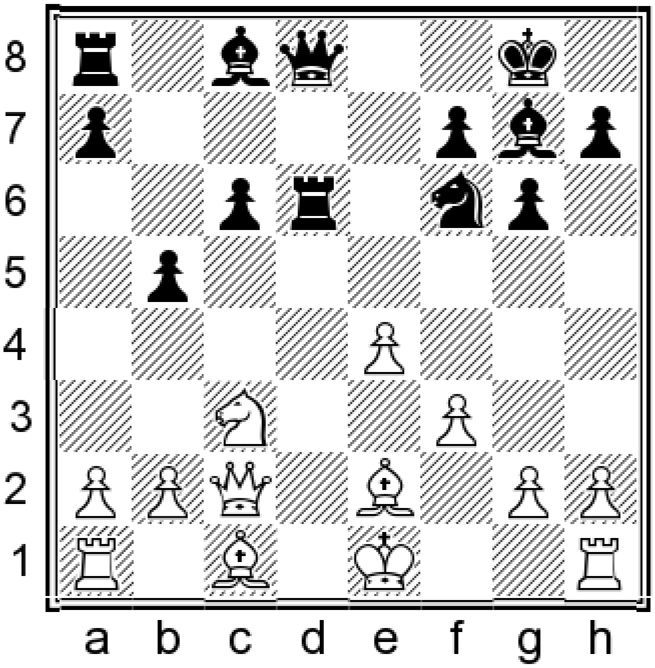
15.♕c2

The alternative 15.d7!? might prove to be no small matter for Black...



...as it is designed to disorganise Black’s pieces. 15...♘d7 16.♗e3 ♗e5 17.0-0 ♖d6 18.♕c2 ♗d4 19.♗d4 ♖d4 20.♖ad1 ♘e5 21.♔h1 ♗e6 22.b3±]

15...♖d6

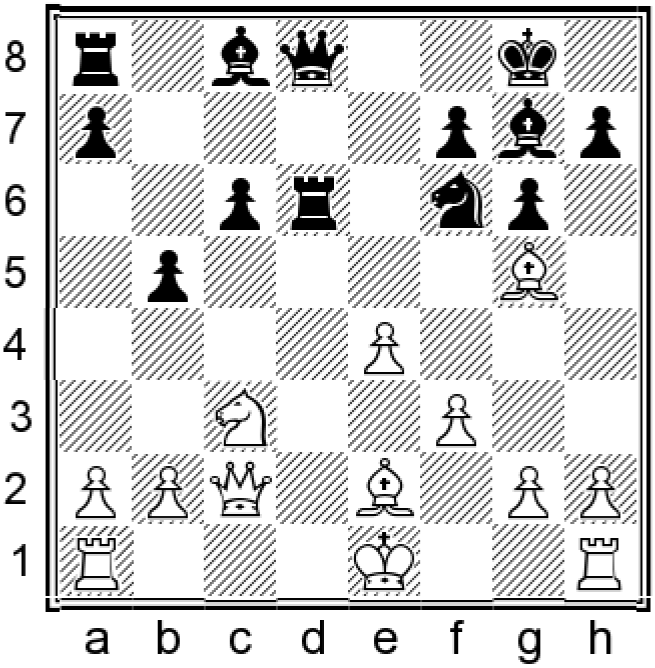


Now White has several ideas how to continue:

16.♗e3

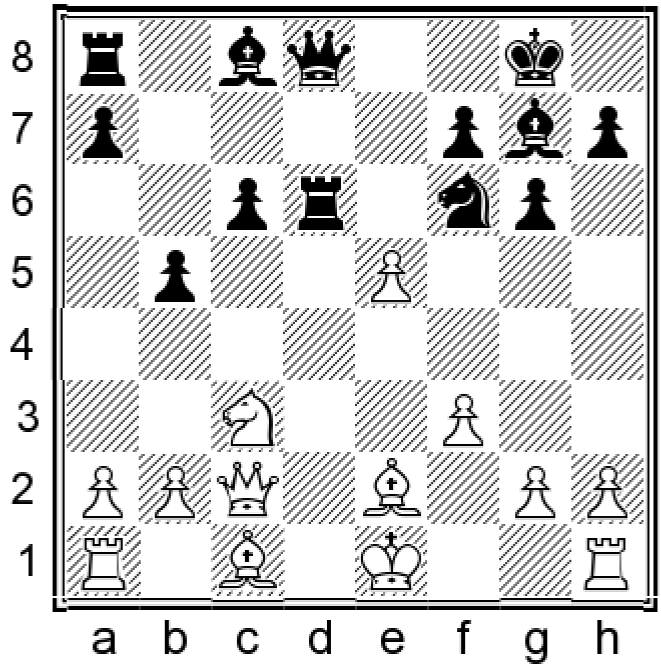
[16.♗f4 Actually there is no difference between the moves 16.♗f4 and 16.♗e3 as the positions will transpose into each other. If 16...♖d7 17.♗e3 ♘h5! (Otherwise Black can get into trouble, e.g. 17...♗b7 18.0-0 ♕e7 19.♘d1! ♗f8 20.♘f2 ♘d5 21.ed5 ♕e3 22.dc6+– Wang Hao 2710 – Aronian 2797, Beijing (rapid) 2014) and after 18.0-0 ♗d4 the game transposes to Ivanisevic – Navara given below;

16.♗g5



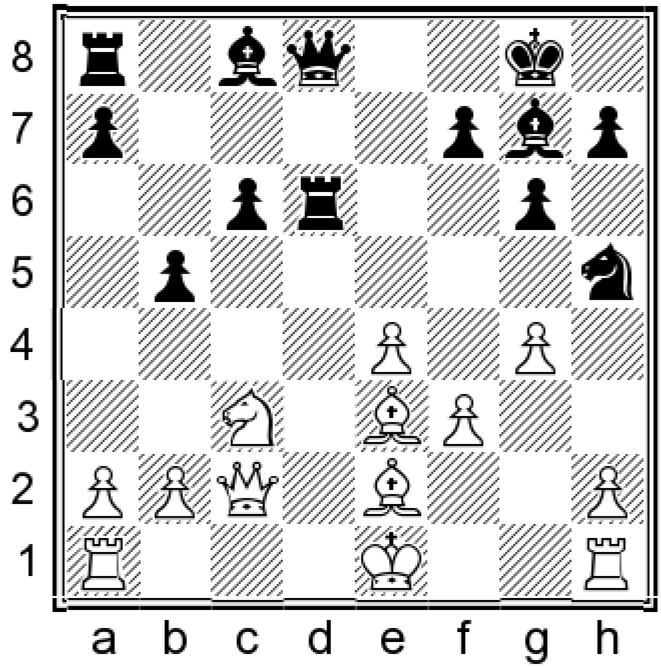
16...♕a5!? This move leads to an exchange sacrifice but 16...b4 is possible as well. 17.e5 b4 18.♗f6 ♗f6 19.♘e4 ♕e5 20.♘d6 ♕d6 21.♖d1 ♗h4! 22.♔f1 (22.g3 ♗g3 23.hg3 ♕g3 24.♔f1 ♗h3 25.♖h3 ♕h3 26.♔f2 ♕h2=) 22...♕e7 23.♕e4 ♗e6 24.g3 ♗f6 25.♔g2 ♗a2 26.♕e7 ♗e7 with full compensation;

16.e5



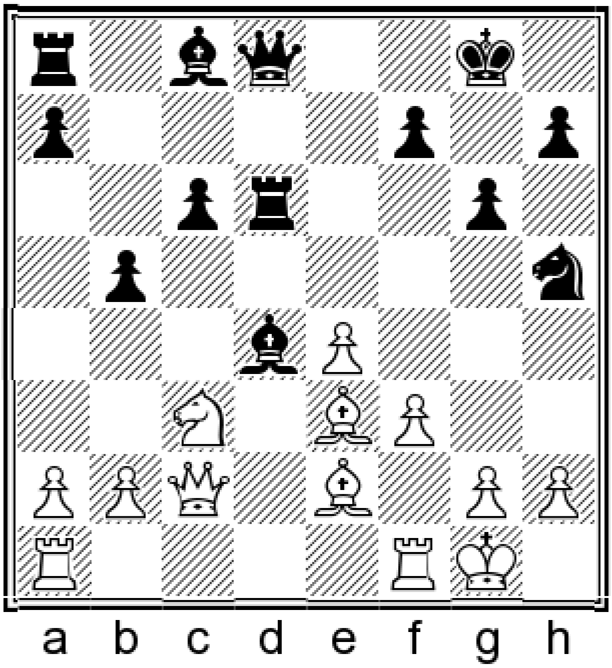
This fork doesn't work. 16...♗f5 17.♕b3 ♗e6 18.♕a3?! White should agree to a repetition after ♕c2. 18...b4 19.♕b4 ♖d4 The pieces are safe now. 20.♕c5 ♗f8 21.♕c6 ♖c8 22.♕a6 ♘d7 23.♘e4 (There is no time for 23.0-0 ♘c5 24.♕a7 ♖a8 25.♗g5 ♖a7 26.♗d8 ♖d8) 23...♖e4! The rest is very easy. White's king will not find a safe haven for himself, e.g. 24.fe4 ♕h4 25.g3 ♕e4 26.♕c8 ♕h1 27.♔d2 ♕h2 28.♔d1 ♕g1 29.♔c2 ♕e1 30.♗d3 ♕f2 31.♗d2 ♘c5 32.♕d8 ♘d3 33.♔d3 ♗f5 34.♔c3 ♕c5 35.♔b3 ♗c2#]

16...♘h5 17.0-0
[17.g4?



17...♗d4 18.♗d4 ♖d4 19.♗b5 (19.gh5 ♕h4 20.♔f1 ♗h3 21.♔g1 gh5! with mate on the g-file!) 19...cb5 20.gh5 b4 21.♘e2 ♕h4 22.♘g3 ♗h3; 17.f4 ♗d4 18.♗d4 ♖d4 19.♗h5 gh5 20.♕f2 ♗g4 21.a3 c5 22.0-0 b4 23.ab4 cb4 24.♘d5 ♖e4∓ Leitao 2645 – Mekhitarian 2562, Maraba 2014. White didn't manage to seize control of the centre.]

17...♗d4



18.♗d4
A recent example also didn’t change the evaluation of the line.
[18.♕c1 b4 19.♗d4 ♖d4 20.♘a4 ♕d6 21.♖d1 ♘f4 22.♗f1 c5 23.♖d4 ♕d4 24.♔h1 ♘e6 25.♗c4 (25.♕e1 ♗b7 26.♖d1 ♕e5∞) 25...♗d7 26.♗e6 ♗e6 27.♕c5 ♕d2 28.h3 ♖c8 29.♕a7 ♖c2 30.♕b8 ♔g7=∞ Wang Hao 2710 – Vachier-Lagrave 2758, Beijing (rapid) 2014. Black’s pieces are very strong and though he is two pawns down his opponent can do very little to improve his position.]

18...♖d4 19.♖fd1 ♗e6 with equal chances in Ivanisevic 2613 – Navara 2716, Tromso (ol) 2014 – 121/166.

Conclusion

The idea of sacrificing a pawn by 9...♘d4 appears to be very interesting. After initial successes in this line, White has now been having a problem getting something out of the opening. Three different approaches have been tried so far but there is no single answer as to how White should play against Black’s new set-up. Now it is White’s turn to come up with some fresh ideas.
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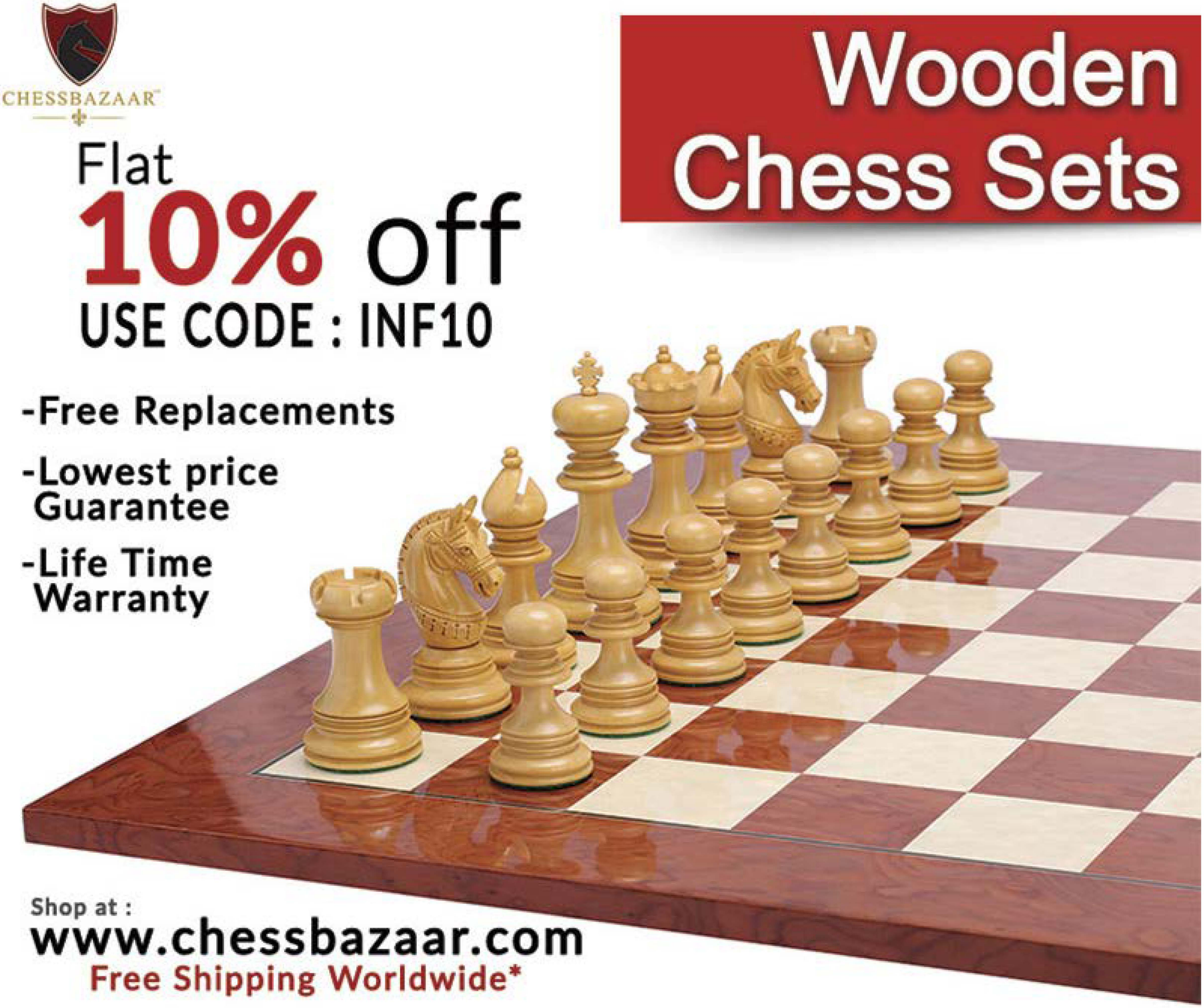

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A — R ⌟ 1. d4, 1. e4
— 1. d4 R ⌟ 1... ♘f6, 1... d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 R ⌟ 2. c4
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 R ⌟ 2... e6, 2... g6

B — 1. e4 R ⌟ 1... c5, 1... e6, 1... e5
— 1. e4 c5

C — 1. e4 e6
— 1. e4 e5

D — 1. d4 d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ⌞ 3... d5

E — 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ⌟ 3... d5

A00-A49

1. [A03]
Rapport, Richard (2693) - Fressinet, Laurent (2712)
Reykjavik 2015 [Tadic,Branko]

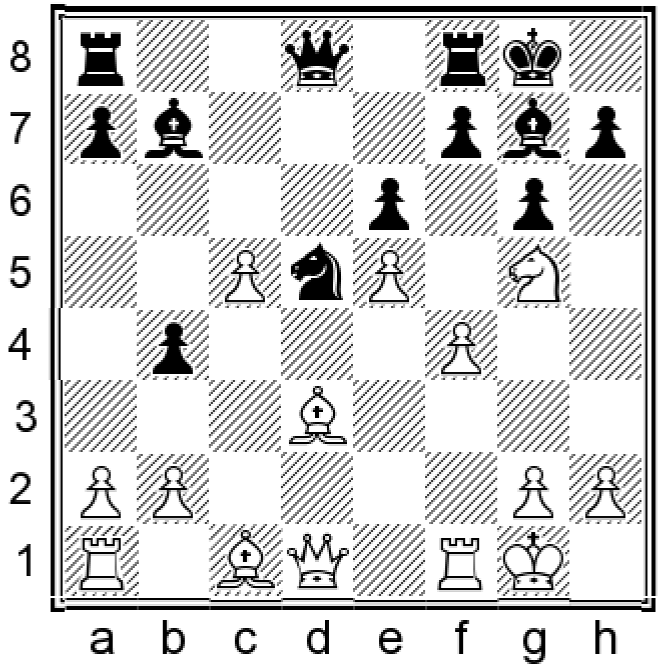
1.f4 d5 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 ♗g7 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.d4

6.♗e2 - 55/1

6...O-O 7.♗e2 e6 8.O-O dxc4 9.♗xc4 ♘bd7N

9...c5

10.e4 b5 11.♗d3 b4 12.♘a4 c5 13.♘xc5 ♘xc5 14.dxc5 ♗b7 15.e5 ♘d5 16.♘g5



16.♕c2 ♕c7 17.♘g5 (17.♗d2 ♖fc8 18.♖fc1 ♗f8∓) 17...b3!? - 16...Qc7

16...♕a5

16...♕c7! 17.♘e4 (17.♕c2 b3 18.♕xb3 (18.axb3 ♘b4 19.♕c3 ♘xd3 20.♕xd3 ♕xc5+ 21.♗e3 ♕d5⯹) 18...♕xc5+ 19.♖f2 ♖ab8 20.♘e4 ♕d4 21.♕c4 ♕b6 22.♕c5 ♘b4 23.♕xb6 axb6 24.♗b1 ♖fd8⯹) 17...f6 18.exf6 ♘xf6⯹

17.♘e4 ♖fc8 18.♔h1 ♗a6 19.a3 ♗f8 20.♗xa6

20.f5!? gxf5 (20...exf5 21.♗xa6 ♕xa6 22.♗g5→) 21.♗xa6 ♕xa6 22.♘d6 ♖c7 (22...♖xc5 23.axb4 ♕xa1 24.bxc5 ♕a5 25.♘xf5 ♕xc5 (25...exf5 26.♕xd5 ♖d8 27.♕f3 ♕xc5 28.♗g5 ♖d7 29.♕xf5+-) 26.♘h6+ ♗xh6 27.♗xh6+-) 23.♗d2→ ∆ Rf3

20...♕xa6 21.♘d6

21.f5!

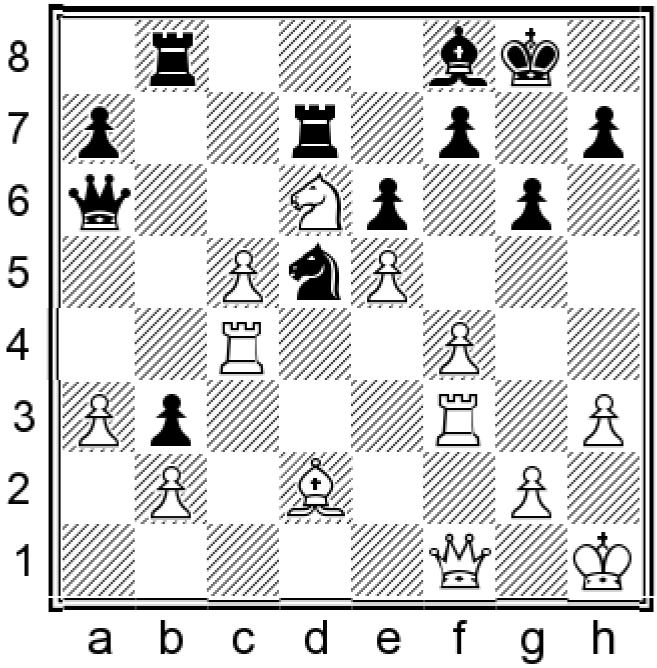
21...♖c7

21...♖xc5 22.axb4 ♕xa1 23.bxc5 ♕a5 (23...♕a6 24.♖f2±) 24.f5!→ (24.♕d4±)

22.♗d2 b3 23.♖c1± ♖b8 24.♖f3 ♕a4 25.♖c4 ♕a6 26.♕c1

26.♕f1!?

26...♕c6 27.h3 ♖d7 28.♕f1 ♕a6



29.f5! exf5

29...♕c6 30.f6+-

30.♖xf5! gxf5

30...♖c7 31.♖f3+-

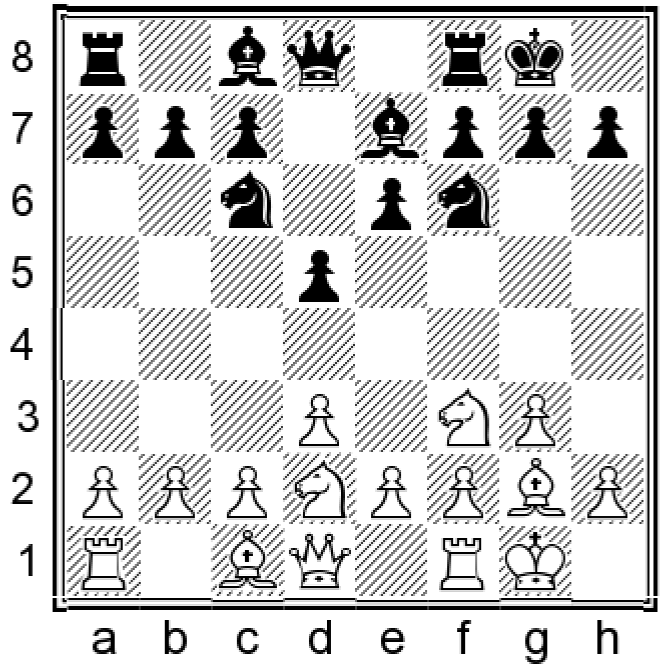
31.♖g4+ fxg4 32.♕xa6 ♘e7

32...♗xd6 33.exd6+-

33.e6 fxe6 34.♕a4 ♖c7 35.♕xg4+ ♘g6 36.♕xe6+ ♔h8 37.♘f7+ ♔g8 38.♘h6+ ♔h8 39.♕g8# 1-0

2.* [A07]
Kramnik, Vladimir (2801) - Aronian, Levon (2792)
Zürich (rapid) 2016 [Colovic,Aleksandar]

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.O-O ♗e7 5.d3 O-O 6.♘bd2 ♘c6



7.d4!?

7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5=

7...♘e4

7...b6 - 127/(2) 8.b3 ♗b7N (8...a5) 9.♗b2 ♘a5 10.♘e5 c5= Rapport,R (2649) -Aronian,L (2765) Deutschland 127/ (2) 2016

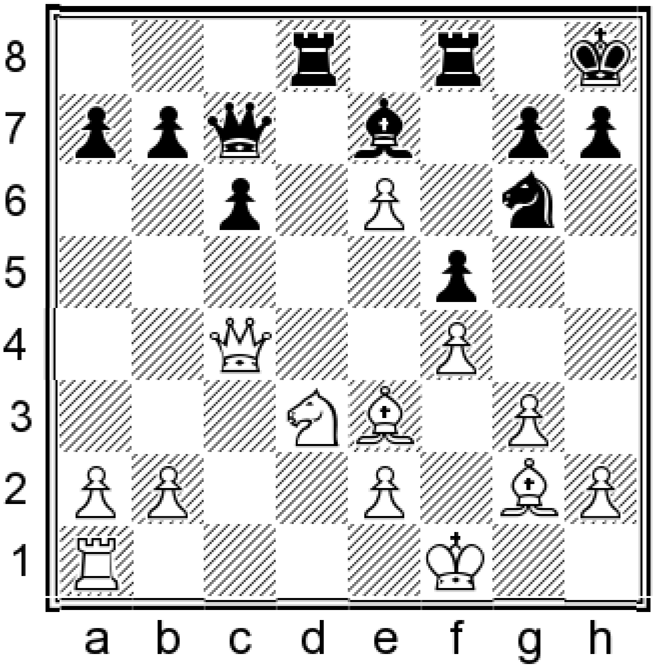
8.c3 f5 9.♘e1 e5 10.dxe5 ♘xe5 11.♘d3 ♘g6 12.c4N

12.♕b3

12...♗e6 13.cxd5 ♘xd2 14.dxe6!?

14.♗xd2 ♗xd5 15.♘f4 ♗xg2 (15...♘xf4 16.♗xf4 ♗xg2 17.♔xg2⩲) 16.♔xg2 ♘xf4+ 17.♗xf4⩲

14...♘xf1 15.♔xf1 c6 16.♕b3⯹ ♕b6 17.♕c4 ♔h8 18.♗e3 ♕c7 19.f4 ♖ad8



20.♖c1?!

20.a4! a5 21.♖c1 ♗f6 22.b4!↑

20...♗f6 21.♕b4 ♖fe8 22.♗xa7 ♖a8 23.♗b6

23.♗f2 ♖xe6 24.♘c5=

23...♕c8 24.♗d5 ♘f8 25.♗b3 ♘xe6 26.a4 ♘f8

26...♖e7 27.♘e5 ♕e8 28.♗e3 c5! 29.♕b5 (29.♗xc5 ♘xc5 30.♖xc5 ♗xe5 31.♖xe5 ♖xe5 32.fxe5 ♕xe5∓) 29...♕xb5 30.axb5 b6∓

27.♘c5 ♘d7 28.♘xd7 ♕xd7 29.♖d1 ♕e7 30.♕xe7 ♖xe7 31.♗c2 g6 32.b4 ♖ae8 33.♗d8

33.e3!?

33...♖f7 34.♗b6 ♖fe7 35.♗d8 ♖f7 36.♗b3

36.♗b6=

36...♖xd8

36...♖ff8! 37.♗b6 ♖e4∞

37.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 38.♗xf7 ♗e7= 39.b5 cxb5 40.axb5 ♔g7 41.♗d5 b6 42.♔g2 g5 43.♔f3 gxf4 44.♔xf4 ♔f6 45.♗c4 ♗d6+ 46.♔f3 h6 47.♗d3 ♔e5 48.h3 ♔f6 49.♗c2 ♗c7 1/2-1/2

3. [A07]
Carlsen, Magnus (2850) - Adams, Michael (2744)
London 2015 [McShane,Luke J]

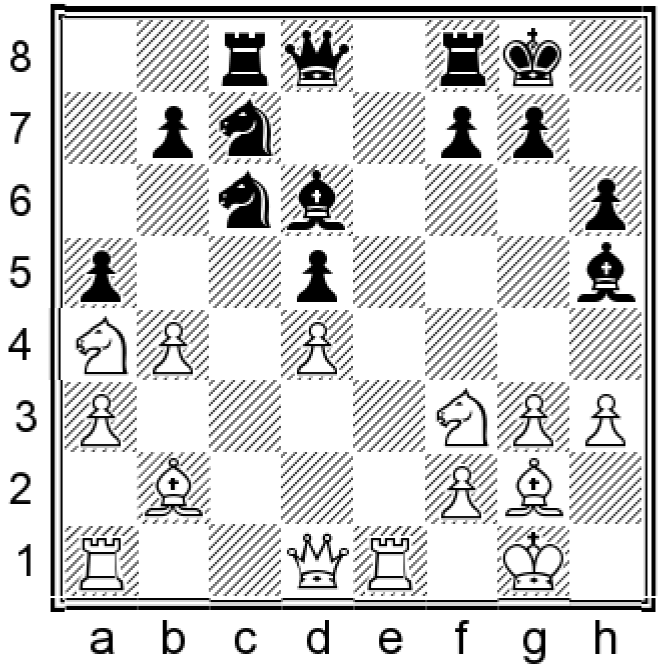
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♗g4 3.♗g2 c6 4.O-O e6 5.d3 ♗d6 6.c4 ♘e7

6...♘d7 - 44/5

7.cxd5 exd5 8.♘c3 O-O 9.h3 ♗h5 10.e4 ♘a6N

10...dxe4

11.exd5 cxd5 12.♖e1 ♘c6 13.d4 ♘c7 14.a3 h6 15.b4 ♖c8 16.♗b2 a6 17.♘a4 a5



18.♘c5

18.♘b6! ♖b8 19.bxa5 ♘xa5 20.g4 ♗g6 21.♘e5↑

18...axb4 19.axb4 ♖b8 20.♕a4 ♗xf3 21.♗xf3 ♕f6 22.♕b3 ♖fd8 23.♗g4 ♘xd4 24.♗xd4 ♕xd4 25.♖ed1 ♕c4 26.♕xc4 dxc4 27.♘d7 ♖xd7 28.♗xd7 ♗xb4 29.♖a4 ♗c5! 30.♖xc4 b6 31.♔g2 g6

31...♖d8 32.♖cc1±

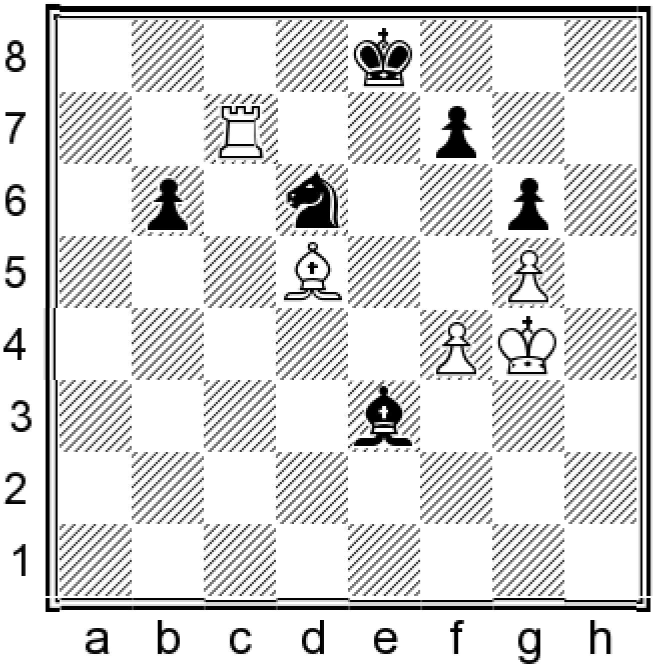
32.♗c6 ♘e8 33.♖d7

33.♗xe8 ♖xe8 34.♖d7±

33...♘f6 34.♖a7 ♔g7 35.♖a8 ♖xa8 36.♗xa8 h5 37.♖a4 ♘g8 38.♗d5 ♘e7 39.♗a2 ♘c6 40.♖a8 ♘b4 41.♗c4

41.♖a7 ♘xa2 42.♖xa2 ♔f6±

41...♘c6 42.f4 ♘e7 43.♔f3 ♘f5 44.♖a7 ♘d6 45.♗d5 ♗d4 46.♖d7 ♗c5 47.♗a2 ♔f6 48.g4 hxg4+ 49.hxg4 ♔g7 50.♖d8 ♘b7 51.♖d7 ♘d6 52.♔e2 ♔f8 53.♔d3 ♔g7 54.♗d5 ♔f8 55.♖d8+ ♔g7 56.♗c6 ♔h7 57.g5 ♔g7 58.♗d5 ♔h7 59.♖d7 ♔g7 60.♔e2 ♔f8 61.♔f3 ♔e8 62.♖c7 ♗d4 63.♔g4 ♗e3



64.♗xf7+!? ♘xf7 65.♖c6 ♗d4

65...♔d7 66.♖xg6 ♗d4 67.♖g8 b5 68.f5 ♘d6 69.♖b8 ♗c3 70.f6 ♔e6=

66.♖xg6 b5 67.♖g8+

67.♔f3 b4 68.♔e4 ♗c3 69.♖b6±

67...♔d7 68.f5 ♗e3! 69.♖g7

69.g6 ♘h6+=

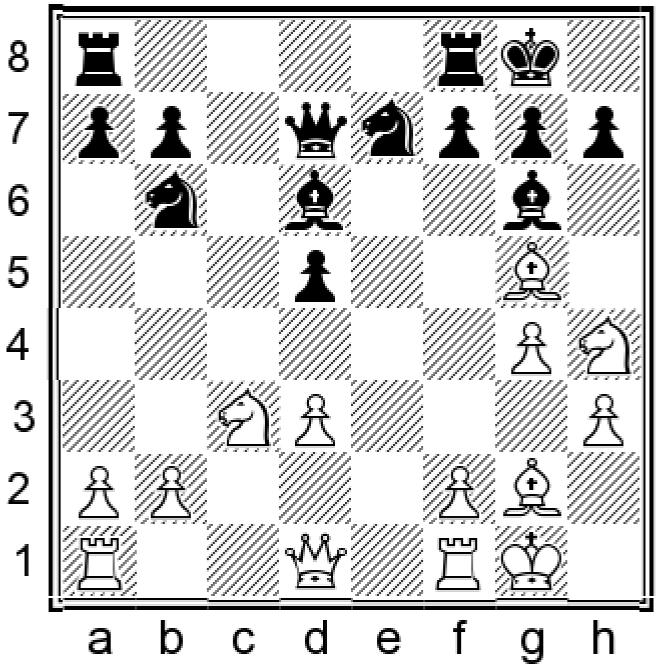
69...♔e8 70.♖g8+ ♔d7 71.♖g7 ♔e8 72.g6 ♘h6+ 73.♔f3 ♘xf5 74.♖f7 ♘h4+ 75.♔xe3 ♘xg6 76.♖b7 b4 77.♔e4 b3 78.♖xb3 1/2-1/2

4. [A07]
Sjugirov, Sanan (2646) - Jakovenko, Dmitrij (2737)
Doha 2015 [Tadic,Branko]

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♗g4 3.♗g2 c6 4.O-O e6 5.h3 ♗h5 6.d3 ♘d7 7.e4 ♗d6 8.exd5 cxd5 9.c4 ♘e7 10.♘c3 O-O 11.cxd5 exd5 12.g4 ♗g6 13.♘h4 ♘b6N

13...♘c5 - 44/(5)

14.♗g5!? ♕d7



14...f6!? 15.♘xg6 ♘xg6 16.♗e3 ♘h4 17.♕b3±

15.a4! ♖ae8?!

15...a5 16.♗e3 ♖a6 (16...d4 17.♗xd4 ♗h2+ 18.♔xh2 ♕xd4 19.♗xb7 ♖ad8 20.♘xg6 ♘xg6 21.♗e4 ♘f4 22.♕f3±) 17.f4↑⌓15...h6 16.♗e3 (16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♘xg6 fxg6∞) (16.♘xg6 ♘xg6 17.♗e3 ♗b8!⇄ Δ Qd6) 16...♗h7 17.a5 ♘bc8 18.♘f3± (18.♘xd5? ♘xd5 19.♗xd5 ♗e7∓)

16.a5 ♘a8 17.♘xg6 ♘xg6

17...hxg6 18.♕a4 ♕xa4 19.♖xa4±

18.♕a4

18.♘xd5 ♘c7=∞

18...♕e6 19.♗d2 ♕e5?

19...♘c7 20.♖ae1 ♕c8 21.♘xd5 ♘e6 22.f4±

20.f4+- ♗c5+ 21.♔h1 ♕b8

21...♕d4 22.♕xd4 ♗xd4 23.♘xd5+-

22.♘xd5 ♗d6 23.♕d4 ♖d8

23...♘c7 24.♘f6+ gxf6 25.♕xd6+-

24.♗c3 f6 25.g5! ♘e7 26.gxf6

26.♘xf6+ gxf6 27.gxf6+-

26...♘f5 27.♕c4 ♖f7 28.fxg7 ♖c8

28...♕c8 29.♘f6+ ♔xg7 30.♘e4+ ♔f8 31.♘xd6 ♘xd6 32.♕d4+-

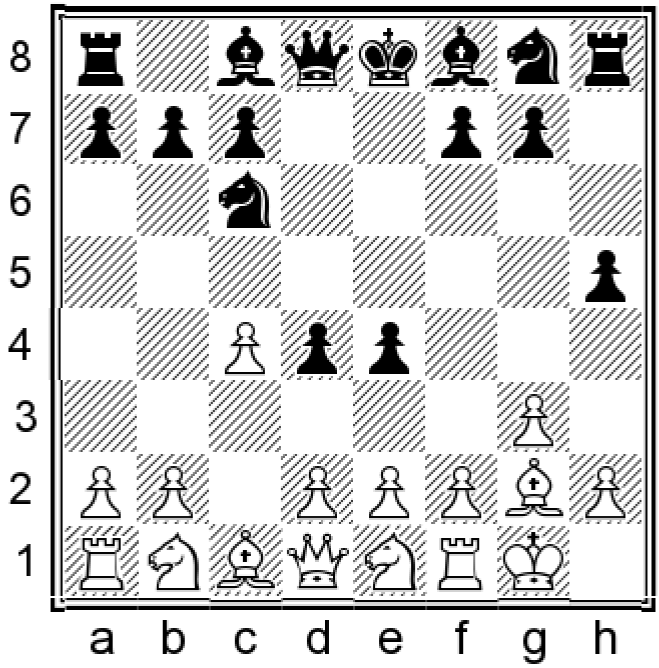
29.♘f6+ ♔xg7 30.♘d7+ ♔g8 31.♘xb8 ♖xc4 32.dxc4 ♘g3+ 33.♔g1 ♘e2+ 34.♔h2 ♘xf4 35.♔h1 1-0

5.*** [A09]
Hawkins, Jonathan (2569) - Pert, Nicholas (2572)
Great Britain (ch-m/4-rapid) 2015 [Pert,Nicholas]

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.g3 ♘c6 4.♗g2 e5 5.O-O

5.d3 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 a5 7.O-O ♘ge7 (7...♘f6 - 25/6) 8.♘a3N (8.♗xb4) 8...♗f5 9.♘c2 ♗xd2 10.♕xd2 h6 11.♘h4 ♗e6 12.f4 exf4 13.♕xf4 ♕d7= 1/2-1/2 (13) Hawkins,J (2563) -Pert,N (2569) Great Britain (ch-m/2) 127/(5) 2015

5...e4 6.♘e1 h5!



6...♘f6 - 24/9

7.♗xe4 ♗h3N

7...h4 - 127/(5) 8.e3?N (8.♗g2N - 127/(5) 8...♘f6 9.♘f3 hxg3 10.fxg3 ♗h3=∞ Harika,D (2513) -Zimina,O (2364) Roma (blitz) 127/(5) 2015) (8.d3) 8...♘f6 9.♗g2 (9.♗xc6+ bxc6 10.♘f3 d3! (10...dxe3 11.♕e2 ♗e7 12.♕xe3 hxg3 13.fxg3 ♘g4 14.♕e4 ♕d6=∞) 11.♕a4 (11.♘xh4 g5 12.♘f3 (12.♘g2 ♕d7 13.♕f3 ♕h3-+) 12...♗g4∓) 11...♕d7 12.♘e5 ♕e6 13.♕xc6+ ♕xc6 14.♘xc6 hxg3 15.fxg3 ♘g4∓) 9...dxe3 10.♕e2 ♘d4 11.♕xe3+ ♗e7∓ Popov,V (2528) -Navara,D (2730) Minsk (blitz) 127/(5) 2015

8.♕b3! ♕c8

8...♗xf1? 9.♕xb7±

9.♕b5 ♘e7

9...♘f6!? 10.♗xc6+ bxc6 11.♕xc6+ ♗d7=∞

10.♘g2 ♕d7!? 11.♕xb7 ♖b8 12.♕a6 f5 13.♗f3 d3!→ 14.♖e1 ♘d4 15.♘f4 ♗g4 16.♕xa7 ♖d8 17.♗xg4?

17.♗d5! ♘xd5 18.♕xd4! ♘xf4 19.♕xf4! (19.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 20.gxf4 ♖h6 21.exd3 ♖g6 22.♖e3 ♗d6∓) 19...dxe2 20.♘c3 h4∞

17...hxg4 18.♘xd3 ♕d6?!

18...♘ec6! 19.♕a4 g5→ ∆ Qh7

19.♘c3

19.♕a4+ c6 20.♘b4 g5 21.d3 ♕h6 22.h4 f4→

19...♕h6

19...g5!

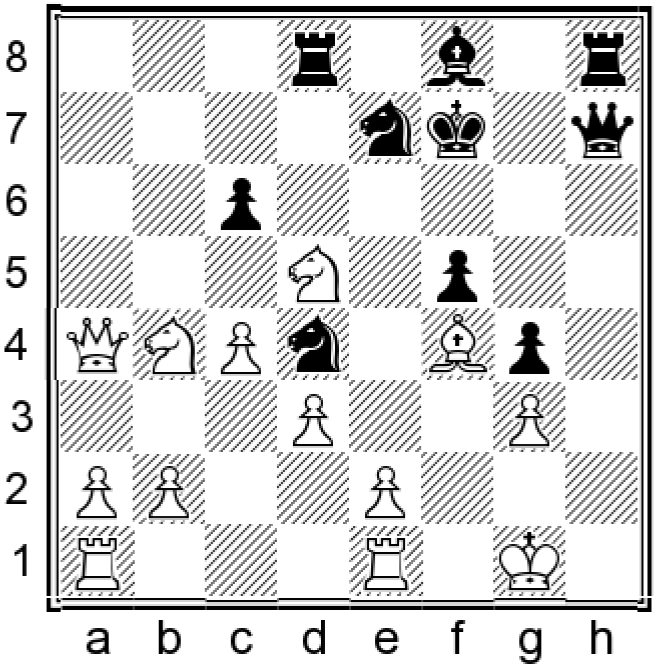
20.♕a4+ c6 21.h4 g5

21...gxh3? 22.♔h2+-

22.♘b4?

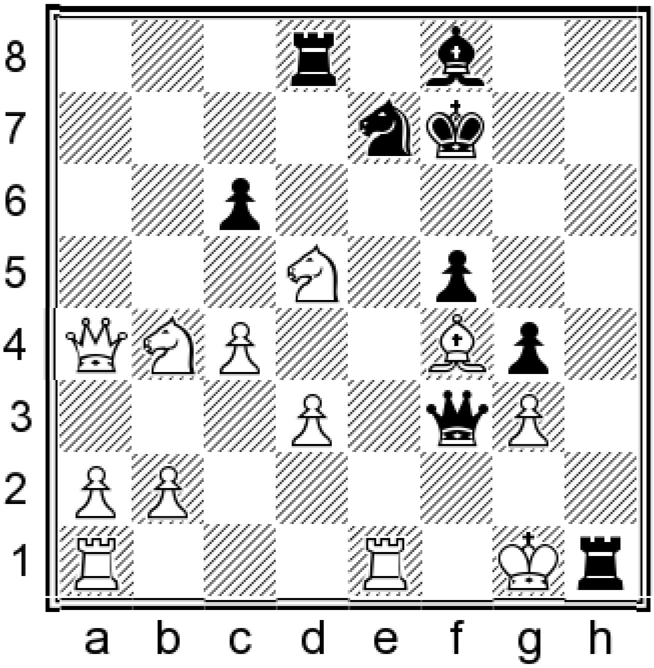
22.♔g2 f4 23.♘xf4 ♘ef5! 24.♖h1 gxf4↑

22...gxh4 23.d3 ♕h7 24.♘cd5 ♔f7 25.♗f4 hxg3 26.fxg3



26...cxd5

26...♘f3+!! 27.♔f1 (27.exf3 ♕h1+ 28.♔f2 ♕xf3+ 29.♔g1 ♖h1#



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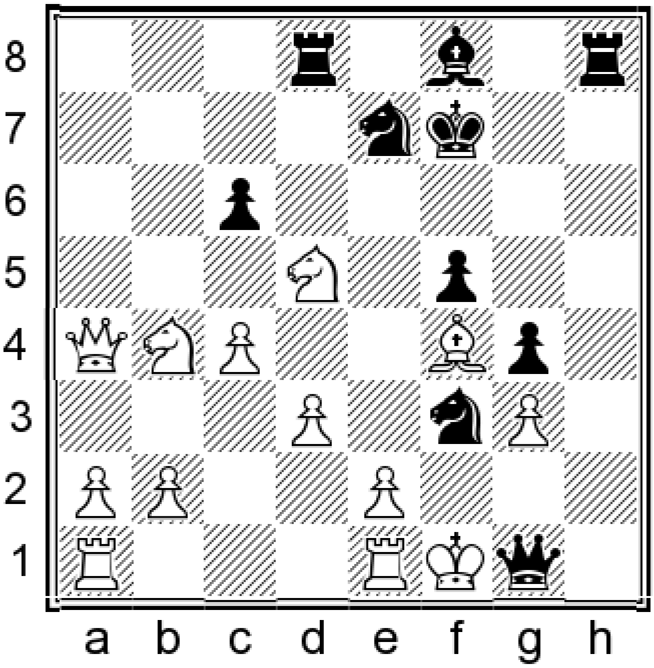

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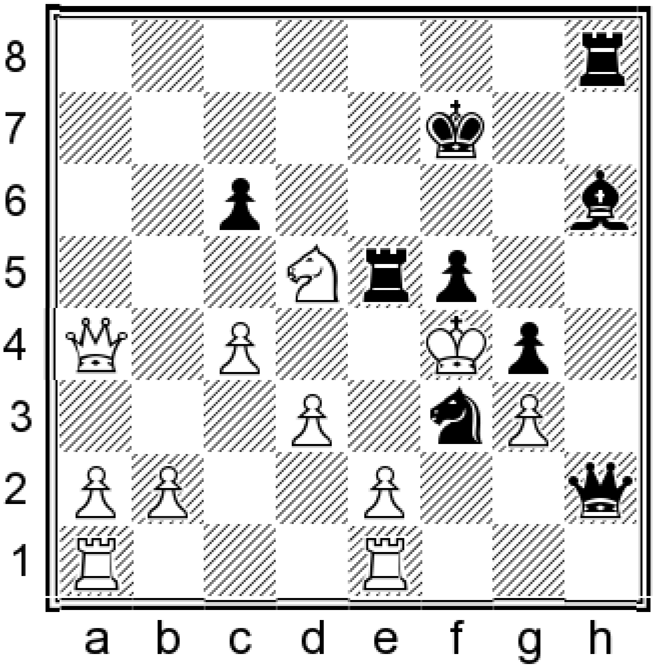


27.♔f2! ♕h2+ 28.♔e3 dxc4 29.♕a6 ♖h6!? 30.♕xc4+

30.♗xh6 ♗xh6+-+

30...♖e6+ 31.♔d2 ♘f3+ 32.♔c2 ♖c8 33.♗c7 ♘xe1+ 34.♖xe1 ♕g2 35.♔b3

35.♔b1 ♕b7 36.♖c1 ♗h6 37.♖c3 ♗d2 38.♖c2 ♕h1+-+

35...♗g7

35...♕b7 36.♖c1 ♘d5-+

36.d4 ♗xd4 37.♕xd4 ♖xc7 38.♕f4 ♖b7 39.a3 ♕e4 40.♕f1 ♕d5+ 41.♔c2 ♖xb4!

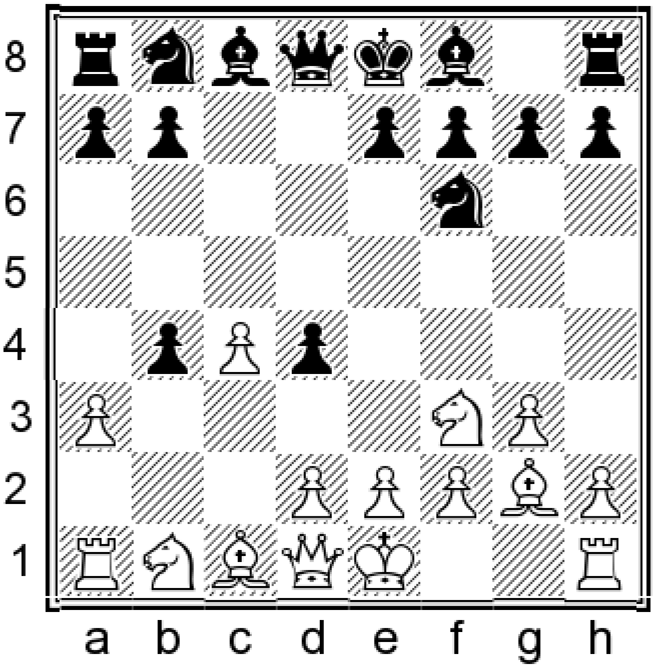
41...♖xb4 42.axb4 ♖c6+ 43.♔b1 ♕e4+ 44.♔a2 ♕c4+ 45.♔a1 ♖a6+ 46.♔b1 ♕e4+ 47.♔c1 ♖a1+ 48.♔d2 ♕xb4+ 49.♔e3 ♖xe1-+0-1

6.* [A09]**
Carlsen, Magnus (2834) - Batsiashvili, Nino (2498)
Doha 2015 [Tadic,Branko]

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 c5 4.c4 d4 5.b4!?

5.e3 - 121/(5)

5...cxb4 6.a3



6...b3!?

6...bxa3 7.O-O ♘c6 8.♕a4!?N (8.♗xa3 - 127/(6) 8...e5 9.♗xf8 ♔xf8 10.d3 g6 11.♘bd2 ♔g7 12.♕c2N (12.♕a4) (12.♘g5) 12...♕e7 13.♖fb1 ♖d8 14.♕b2 ♖b8 15.♘e1 ♗d7 16.♘c2 ♗g4 17.h3 ♗d7 (17...♗xe2!? 18.♕a3 e4 19.♘xe4 ♘xe4 20.♗xe4 ♕f6∞) 18.♘b4⩱ Sergeev,V (2452) -Rieger,R (2311) Aschach 127/(6) 2015) 8...a2 9.♖xa2 ♗d7 10.♗a3 a5 11.♖b2 ♖b8 12.d3 e5 13.♗xf8 ♔xf8 14.♕a3+ ♕e7 (14...♔g8∞) 15.♖b5 ♕xa3 16.♘xa3 e4 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.♖xe5 exd3 19.exd3↑ Bauer,C (2623) -Lampert,J (2461) Skopje 127/(6) 2015

7.♕xb3

7.d3 ♘c6 8.O-O e5 9.♘bd2 ♗e7 10.♘xb3 O-O 11.e3 dxe3 12.♗xe3 ♖e8N (12...♗g4) 13.d4 exd4 14.♘fxd4 ♘xd4 15.♘xd4 (15.♕xd4!?) 15...♘g4 16.♗f4 ♗f6 (16...g5!?) 17.♘b5 ♗xa1 18.♕xa1 g5 Vaishali,R (2313) -Firat,B (2446) Doha 127/(6) 2015 (18...g5 19.♗d6! (19.♗h1) 19...♗e6 20.c5 ♗c4 21.♘c7 ♗xf1 22.♔xf1 ♕f6! 23.♕xf6 ♘xf6 24.♘xa8 ♖xa8 25.♗xb7 ♖e8 26.c6 ♘d5 27.a4 ♖e6 28.♗a3 a5 29.♗c1 ♖e5 30.♗d2= ♘e7 31.♗e3 ♘d5 32.♗a7 (32.♗d2=) 32...♖e6=)

7...♘c6 8.O-O e5 9.e3 ♗e7 10.exd4?! exd4

10...e4! 11.♘g5 ♘xd4 12.♕b2 O-O 13.♘xe4 ♘xe4 14.♗xe4 ♗f6↑

11.♗b2 O-O 12.♖e1N

12.d3

12...♖e8 13.a4 ♘a5 14.♕d3 ♗e6 15.♘a3 ♗xa3?!

15...♖c8 16.♗xd4 b6∞

16.♗xa3 ♗xc4 17.♕xd4

17.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 18.♕xd4±

17...♕xd4 18.♘xd4 ♗d5 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.♖c1 b6 21.♗f1 ♗b7

21...♘b3 22.♘xb3 ♗xb3 23.♗b5 ♖a8 24.♔f1±

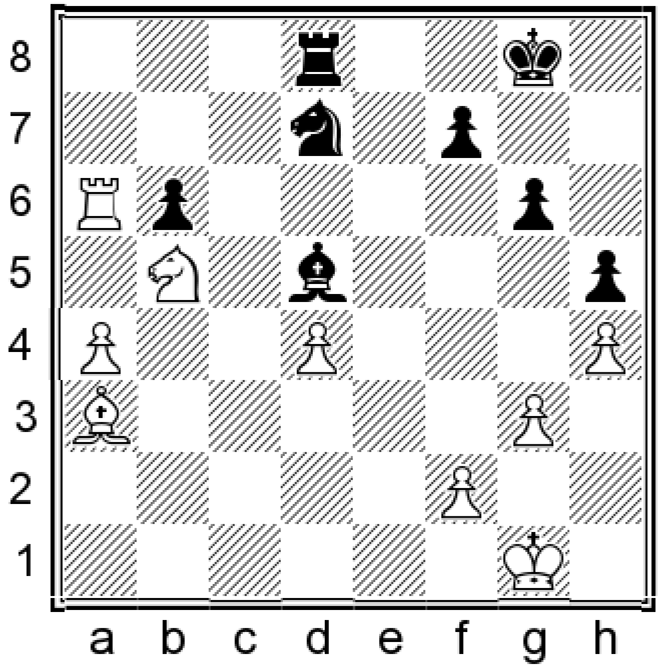
22.♘f5 ♖d8 23.d4 ♘d5

23...h5 24.♗e7 ♖c8 25.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 26.♘d6 ♗g4±

24.♗g2 g6 25.♘d6 ♗a8 26.h4

26.♖c8!? ♖xc8 27.♘xc8 ♗b7 28.♘xa7 ♘c3 29.♗xb7 ♘xb7 30.♘b5 ♘xa4 31.♔f1±

26...h5 27.♖e1 ♗c6 28.♖e5 ♘f6 29.♖xa5 ♗xg2 30.♖xa7 ♗d5 31.♖a6 ♘d7 32.♘b5?



32.♔f1±

32...♖e8!⇄ 33.♗b4 ♖e2 34.♖a7 ♘f6 35.♔f1 ♖b2 36.♗c3 ♖c2 37.♖c7 ♘g4 38.♔e1 ♖xf2 39.♖c8+ ♔h7 40.♖d8 ♗f3 41.♖e8 f6

41...♖a2? 42.d5+-

42.♖e7+ ♔g8 43.♖e8+ ♔h7 44.♖e7+ ♔g8 45.♗d2 ♖g2 46.♗f4 g5! 47.hxg5 fxg5 48.♗xg5 ♖xg3

48...♘h2!? ∆ ♗g4, ♘f3

49.♘c3 ♗c6 50.♔d2 ♖g2+ 51.♖e2 ♘f2 52.d5

52.♗d8 ♘e4+ 53.♘xe4 ♖xe2+ 54.♔xe2 ♗xe4 55.♗xb6 ♔f7=

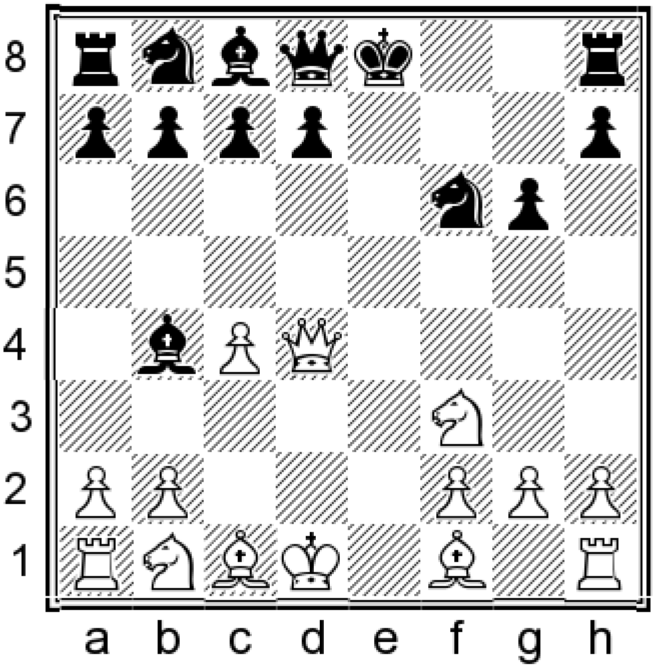
52...♗xd5! 53.♘xd5 ♘e4+ 54.♔e3 ♖xe2+ 55.♔xe2 ♘xg5 56.♘xb6 ♘e6 57.a5 ♘c7 1/2-1/2

7.* [A10]
Potkin, Vladimir (2585) - Wei, Yi (2714)
Moscow 2016 [Milanovic,Danilo]

1.c4 g6 2.e4 e5 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘f3 exd4 5.e5 ♘e4 6.♕xd4 ♗b4+ 7.♔d1!?N

7.♘bd2 - 114/2

7...f5 8.exf6 ♘xf6



9.♕h4N

9.♗h6 - 127/(7) 9...♕e7 (9...♘c6!? 10.♕f4 ♕e7∞) 10.♗d3 ♘c6 11.♕h4 d5 12.a3 ♘g4? (12...♘e4 13.♗e3 ♗c5 14.cxd5 ♕xh4 15.♘xh4 ♘xf2+ 16.♗xf2 ♗xf2 17.♘xg6 ♗g4+ 18.♔d2 hxg6 19.♗xg6+ ♔d7 20.dxc6+ ♔xc6 21.♘c3±) 13.♗g5 ♕d6 (⌓13...O-O!? 14.axb4 (14.♗xe7 ♗xe7 15.♕g3 ♗d6∞) 14...♘xf2+ 15.♕xf2 ♕xg5 16.b5 ♘e5 17.♕d2±) 14.♔c1 (14.axb4! dxc4 15.♖e1+ ♔f7 16.♔c1 cxd3 17.h3+-) 14...♗c5 15.♖e1+∞ 1/2-1/2 (15) Nabaty,T (2590) -Fier,A (2601) Skopje 127/(7) 2015

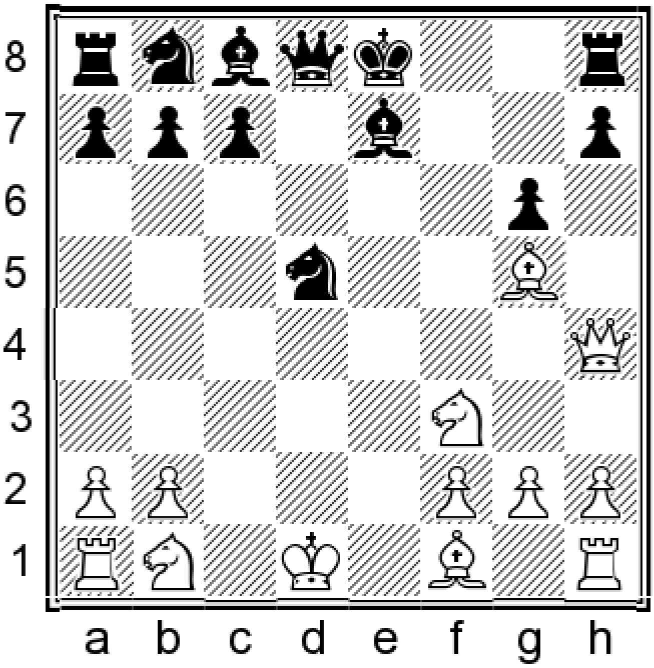
9...d5!?

9...O-O 10.c5!? ♘c6 11.a3 ♗xc5 12.♕c4+ d5 13.♕xc5 ♘e4 14.♕e3 ♖e8=∞

10.♗g5 ♗e7

10...O-O!? 11.cxd5 ♗g4 (11...♕xd5+?! 12.♘bd2 ♕d6 13.♗c4+ ♔h8 14.♖e1 ♘c6 15.♖e2!±) 12.♔c1 ♕d6=∞

11.cxd5 ♘xd5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11...♕xd5+ 12.♔c1 ♕e4 13.♗b5+ (13.♗xf6 ♕c6+⇄) 13...c6 14.♖e1 ♕xh4 15.♗xh4↑

12.♗c4! ♘c6

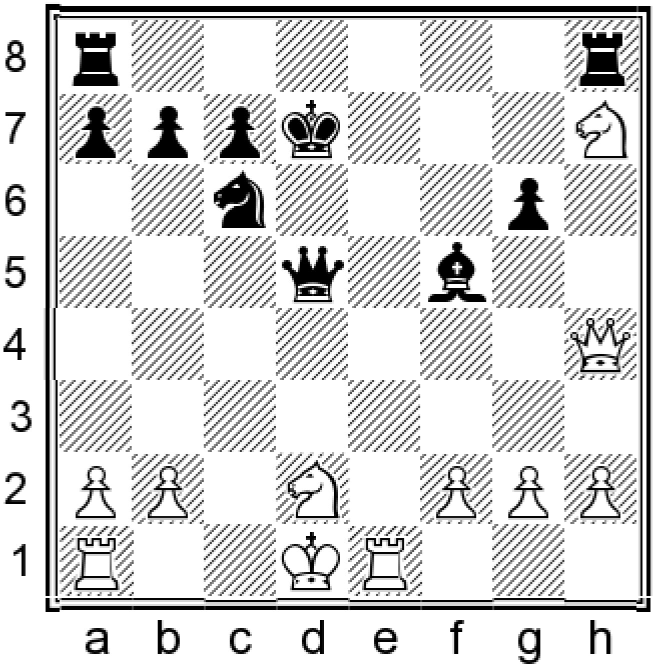
12...♘b6+ 13.♔c1 ♘xc4 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♖e1 ♗e6 16.♘g5+-

13.♗xd5?

13.♘bd2!↑

13...♗e6?!

13...♕xd5+! 14.♔c1 (14.♘bd2 ♗xg5 15.♘xg5 ♗f5 16.♖e1+ ♔d7 17.♘xh7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17...♖ad8! 18.♘f6+ ♔c8∓) 14...♕c5+ 15.♘c3 O-O∓

14.♗xe7 ♘xe7 15.♖e1 ♗xd5

⌓15...♕xd5+ 16.♘bd2 ♖f8 17.♖c1 ♖xf3!? 18.gxf3 O-O-O⯹

16.♔c2 ♕d7 17.♘c3 ♕f5+?

17...♗xf3 18.gxf3 ♕f5+ 19.♖e4 g5 20.♕h5+ ♔f8 21.h4±

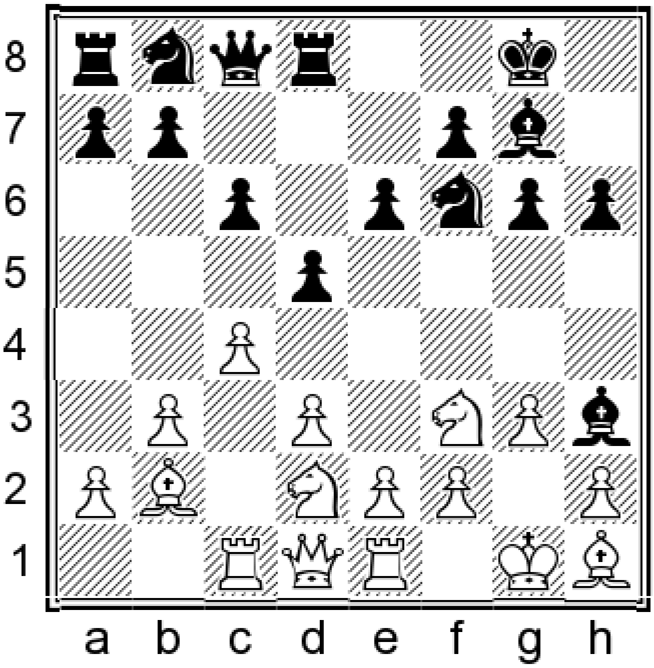
18.♔c1+- O-O-O 19.♖xe7 ♗xf3 20.gxf3 ♕xf3 21.♕g3 ♕c6 22.♔c2 ♖d6 23.♖ae1 ♖hd8 24.♖1e2 a5 25.♕e5 1-0

8. [A11]
Stefanova, Antoaneta (2509) - Pogonina, Natalija (2454)
Tehran 2016 [Marin,Mihail]

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 ♗g7 4.♗b2 d5 5.c4 c6 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O ♗f5 8.d3 ♕c8

8...♘a6 - 24/21

9.♖e1 ♖d8 10.♘bd2 ♗h3 11.♗h1 h6 12.♖c1 e6



13.♖c2! ♕d7N

13...♘bd7

14.♕a1 ♕e7 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.♖ec1 ♘c6 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.♗xe5± ♘e8 19.♗xg7 ♘xg7 20.♘f3 ♘e8 21.♕d4

21.♘e5!? ∆ 21...♘d6 22.♖c7±

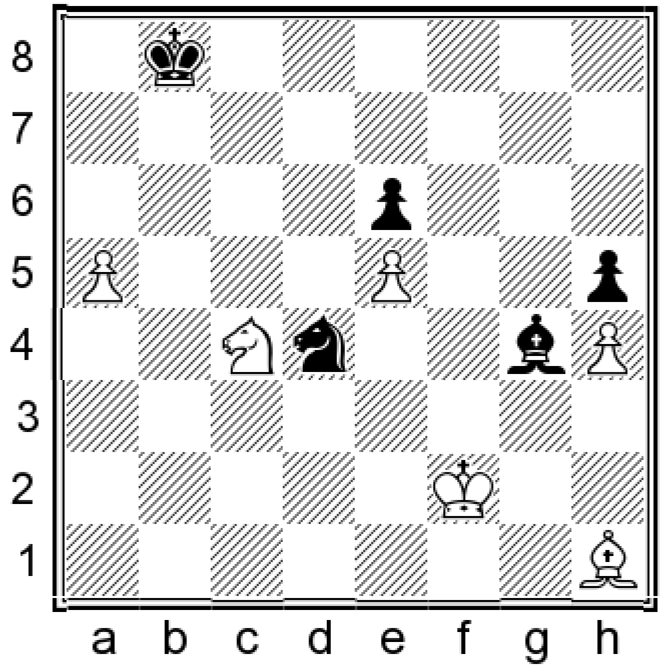
21...♘d6 22.♘e5

22.♖c7 ♖ac8! 23.♖xc8 ♖xc8 24.♖xc8+ ♘xc8=22.♗g2 ♗xg2 23.♔xg2 ♖dc8 24.e4±

22...h5 23.f4 ♖dc8 24.♕b4 ♖xc2 25.♖xc2 ♖c8 26.♖xc8+ ♘xc8 27.♕xe7 ♘xe7 28.♔f2 f6= 29.♘f3 ♗g4 30.♘d4 a6 31.b4 ♔f7 32.b5 axb5?!

⌓32...e5 33.bxa6 bxa6 34.♘b3=

33.♘xb5 b6 34.♘d6+ ♔f8 35.e4 dxe4 36.dxe4 ♘c6! 37.e5! ♘b4 38.a3 ♘c2 39.a4 fxe5 40.fxe5 ♘b4 41.♘c4+- ♔e7 42.♘xb6 ♔d8 43.♔e3 g5 44.h4 gxh4 45.gxh4 ♔c7 46.a5 ♘c2+ 47.♔f2 ♘d4 48.♘c4 ♔b8



49.♘d6

49.♘e3! ♗e2 50.♘c2!+-

49...♔a7 50.♗b7 ♘b3 51.a6

51.♗f3! ♗xf3 52.♔xf3 ♘xa5 53.♔f4 ♘c6 54.♘f7+-

51...♘c5 52.♘c8+ ♔b8 53.♘d6 ♔a7 54.♔e3 ♘xa6 55.♗f3 ♗xf3 56.♔xf3 ♘b4 57.♘e8!? ♘d3?!

57...♘d5 58.♘g7 ♘e7 59.♘xh5 ♘g6 60.♔g3 ♘xe5 61.♘f4 ♔b6 62.h5 ♔c6 63.h6 ♘f7 64.h7 ♔d6=57...♔b6 58.♘g7 ♘c6 59.♔e4 ♘e7=

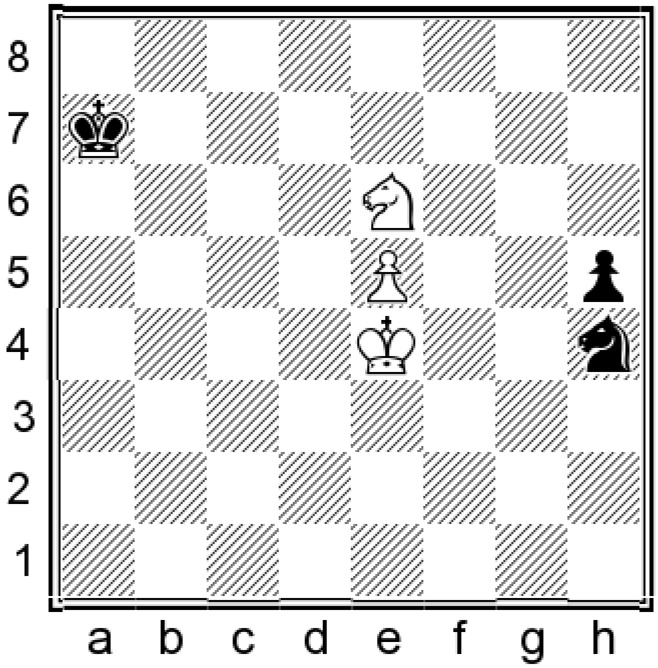
58.♔e4 ♘e1?

58...♘c5+! 59.♔e3 (59.♔f4 ♘d3+) (59.♔d4 ♘d7) 59...♔b6 60.♘f6 ♔c6=

59.♔f4? ♘d3+ 60.♔e4 ♘e1? 61.♘g7! ♘g2

61...♔b6 62.♘xe6 ♔c6 63.♘f4 ♔c7 (63...♔d7 64.♘xh5 ♘g2 65.♘f6++-) 64.e6 ♔d6 65.♔f5 ♘f3 66.♔f6 ♘xh4 67.e7 ♔d7 68.♔f7+-

62.♘xe6 ♘xh4



63.♘f8!! ♔b7 64.e6

64.e6 ♔c7 65.e7+-1-0

9. [A13]
Bruzon Batista, Lazaro (2666) - Donchenko, Alexander (2570)
Gibraltar 2016 [Petronijevic,Zoran]

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 a6 4.d3 b5

4...d5 - 76/10

5.e4

5.♗g2 - 42/10

5...♗b7 6.e5!?N

6.♘bd2

6...♘g4 7.d4 ♗b4+

7...d6 8.♗g2 dxe5 9.O-O exd4 10.♘xd4 ♗xg2 11.♔xg2 h5∞

8.♘c3

8.♗d2!?

8...c5?!

⌓8...d6 9.exd6 bxc4 10.♗xc4 cxd6=

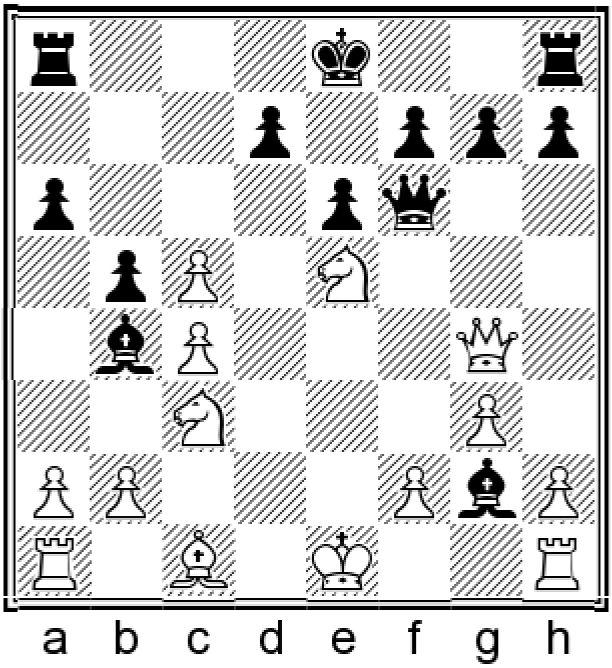
9.♗g2 ♘c6 10.dxc5?!

10.a3 cxd4 11.axb4 dxc3 12.bxc3±

10...♘cxe5?!

10...♗xc5 11.O-O ♕b6 12.♕e2 O-O=10...♕c8 11.cxb5 (11.O-O ♗xc3 12.bxc3 ♘cxe5 13.cxb5 axb5= - 11.cb5) 11...axb5 12.O-O ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♘cxe5 14.♗f4 ♘xf3+ 15.♗xf3 f5=

11.♘xe5 ♗xg2 12.♕xg4 ♕f6



13.♕d4! ♗xh1 14.♗g5!?

14.♕xd7+!? ♔f8 15.♗f4 g5 16.♕c7 ♔g7 17.♗xg5 ♕f5 18.g4 ♗a5 19.gxf5 ♗xc7 20.♘d7 ♖hg8 21.O-O-O ♗f3 22.♖d4±

14...♕f5

14...♕xg5?? 15.♕xd7+ ♔f8 16.♕xf7#

15.♕xd7+ ♔f8 16.♗e7+?!

16.♕c7 ♗xc3+ (16...♔g8 17.O-O-O h5 18.♗f4±) 17.bxc3 ♔g8 18.g4 ♕e4+ 19.♗e3±

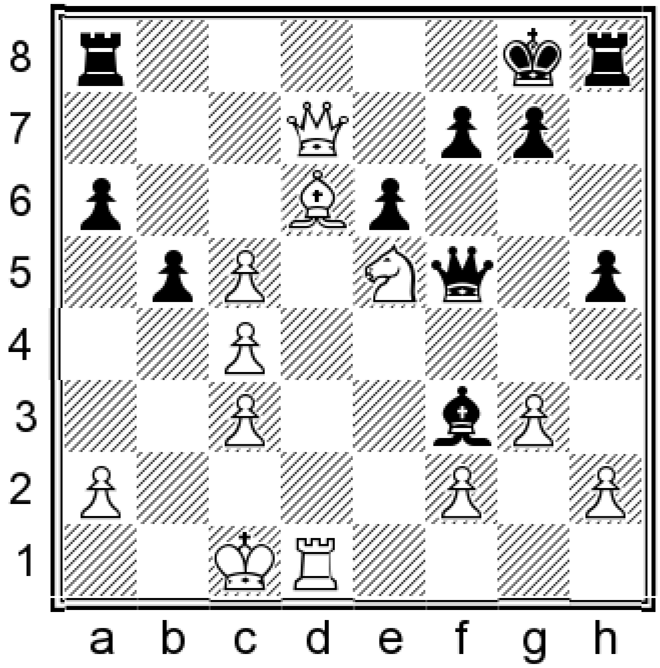
16...♔g8 17.O-O-O h5

17...h6 18.f4 ♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♗e4 20.♖d4 ♗b1 21.♖d2 bxc4 22.c6 ♔h7 23.c7 ♖hc8 24.♗d8 ♕e4 25.♕c6 ♕e1+ 26.♖d1 ♕e2=

18.♗d6

18.f4?! h4 19.♖xh1 hxg3 20.♕c6 ♕xf4+ 21.♔c2 ♖b8 22.♘d3 ♕e3 23.cxb5 ♗xc3 24.♔xc3 e5∓

18...♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♗f3?



⌓19...♗g2! 20.♖d4 ♕xf2 21.c6 ♖h6 22.♖f4 ♕e1+ 23.♔b2 ♕d2+ 24.♔b3 bxc4+ 25.♘xc4 ♗d5 26.c7 ♔h7 27.♖xf7 ♕d1+ 28.♔a3 ♕c1+=

20.♖d4! [∆ Rf4] **20...♗e4**

20...♗d1

21.f3 ♗b1?

⌓21...♕g5+ 22.♔b2 ♗g6 23.♖f4 bxc4 24.♕b7 (24.♔a3? ♔h7 25.♘xf7 ♕d5 26.♘xh8 ♗e8 27.♕c7 ♕d2 28.♖xc4 ♕c1+=) 24...♔h7 25.♘xf7 ♗xf7 26.♕xf7 ♖hb8+ 27.♔c2±

22.♖d2+- ♖h6

22...f6 23.♘c6 ♔h7 24.♘e7 ♕xf3 25.♔xb1 ♕e4+ 26.♔b2 ♕e1 27.♖c2+-

23.c6

23.♕b7 ♖e8 24.cxb5 axb5 25.♕xb5+-

23...♔h7

23...♖h8 24.c7 ♔h7 25.♘xf7 ♖he8 26.♗b4 e5 27.♕xf5+ ♗xf5 28.♘d6+-

24.c7 h4 25.g4 ♕f4

25...♕f6 26.♔xb1

26.♘xf7 ♕e3 27.♗e5 ♗xa2 28.♕d3+

28.c8=Q ♕g1+ 29.♖d1 ♕e3+ 30.♔c2 ♖xc8 31.♕xc8+-

28...♕xd3 29.♖xd3 1-0

10. [A14]
Skembris, Spyridon (2412) - Donchenko, Alexander (2320)
Schwäbisch Gmünd 2016 [Skembris,Spyridon]

1.c4 e6 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.♘f3 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.b3 b6 7.♗b2 ♗b7 8.d3 c5 9.e3 ♘c6 10.♕e2 ♕c7 11.♘c3 ♖fd8

11...dxc4 - 49/13

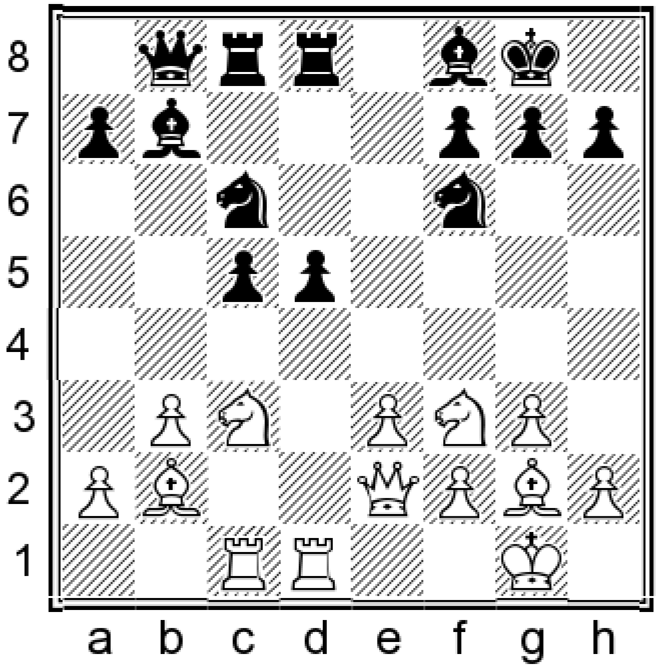
12.♖ac1 ♖ac8 13.cxd5 exd5!?N

13...♘xd5

14.d4 ♕b8

14...♘b4! 15.♘b5 ♕d7 (15...♗a6 16.a4 ♕d7 17.♗a3↑) 16.♘e5 ♕e8⇄

15.♖fd1 ♗f8 16.dxc5!? bxc5



17.♘a4↑ ♘b4!?

17...♘e4 18.♘d2±

18.♗e5!± ♗d6?

⌓18...♗a6 19.♕b2 Δ♕b7 20.♗xf6 gxf6 21.♘e1!±

19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.♘h4→ ♗f8 21.a3 ♘a6 22.♗h3 ♖c6

22...♕e5±

23.♗f5 ♗c8 24.b4! c4 25.♕g4+ ♔h8 26.♕h5 ♗xf5 27.♘xf5 ♖e6 28.♖d4

28.♕xf7! ♕e5 29.e4!!+-

28...♖e5 29.♖h4 h6 30.f4

30.e4! ♖xe4 (30...dxe4 31.♕g4+-) 31.♘xh6 ♖xh4 32.gxh4! ♕f4 33.♘xf7+ ♔g8 34.♖c3+-

30...♖xf5 31.♕xf5 ♕d6 32.♖d1 ♘c7 33.♘c3 ♗g7 34.g4 ♔g8 35.♖h3 a5 36.b5! a4!?

36...♕xa3 37.b6 ♘a6 38.♘xd5 ♕c5 39.g5! fxg5 40.fxg5+-

37.♖f3 ♕c5 38.♖b1

38.g5!→ hxg5 (38...fxg5 39.fxg5 ♗xc3 40.♕xf7+ ♔h8 41.g6 ♗g7 42.♖h3!+-) 39.fxg5+-

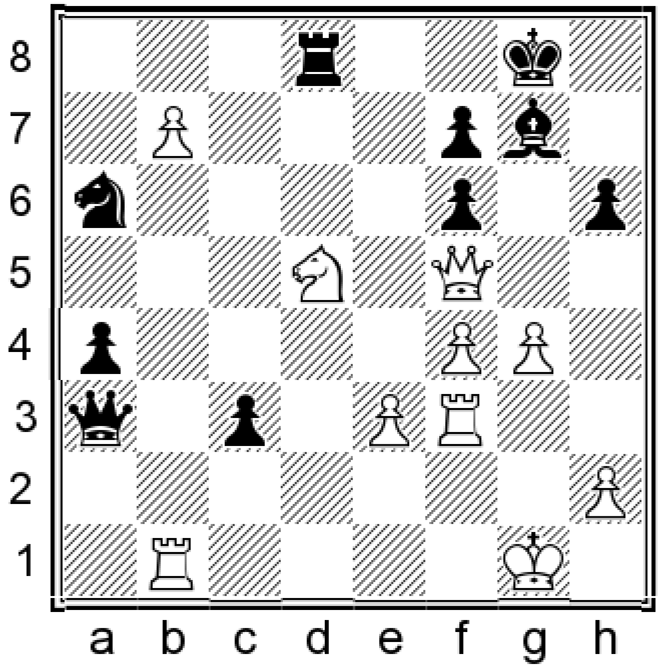
38...♕xa3 39.b6 ♘a6

39...♘e6 40.♘xd5 ♘d4 41.exd4 ♕xf3 42.b7 ♖b8 (42...♖xd5 43.b8=Q+ ♗f8 44.♕c2! ♖xd4 45.♕g2 ♖d1+ 46.♖xd1 ♕xd1+ 47.♕f1 ♕d4+ 48.♕f2 ♕d1+ 49.♔g2 a3 (49...♕xg4+ 50.♕g3+-) 50.♕b5! (×g5) 50...a2 51.♕xa2 ♕xg4+ 52.♔f2 ♕xf4+ 53.♔g1+-) 43.♖f1 ♕e2 44.♕c8++-

40.♘xd5 c3!?

40...♕c5 41.♖b5! ♕d6 (41...♕xb5 42.♘e7+) 42.b7+-

41.b7?!



41.♖f2 ♕c5 42.♖b5+-

41...♖xd5 42.b8=Q+ ♘xb8 43.♖xb8+ ♗f8 44.♕xd5 c2 45.♖c8 c1=Q+ 46.♖xc1 ♕xc1+ 47.♔g2 a3 48.g5

48.h4! ♕e1 49.g5+-

48...♕c2+ 49.♖f2 ♕g6 50.h4 hxg5 51.fxg5 fxg5 52.hxg5 ♗e7 53.♔f1!

53.♔f3 ♕h5+=

53...♔f8!

53...♕b1+ 54.♔e2 ♕b2+ (54...♕g6 55.♔d2±) 55.♔f3 ♕a1 56.e4 ♕h1+ 57.♔e2 ♕h5+ 58.♔d2 ♕xg5+ 59.♕xg5+ ♗xg5+ 60.♔c2±

54.e4?!⊕

54.♕f5! ♕xf5 55.♖xf5 ♔e8 56.♖a5 ♗b4 57.♖a6 ♔d7 58.♔e2 ♔c7 59.♔d3 ♗e7 60.e4+-

54...♔g8 55.♕a8+ ♗f8 56.♕d5 ♕a6+ 57.♔g2 ♕g6 58.♖f3

58.♔g3!+-

58...♗e7 59.♕a8+ ♗f8

59...♔g7 60.♖h3 ♗f8 61.♕d5 ♔g8 62.♕e5 ♗g7 63.♕e8+ ♗f8 64.♖xa3+-

60.♖xa3 ♕h5 61.♖f3+- ♕g4+ 62.♔f2 ♕h4+⊕ 1-0

11.** [A22]
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2748) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2648)
Doha 2015 [Tadic,Branko]

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗g2 ♘b6 6.e3!?

6.d3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 (7.♘f3 [- A29 7...♗e7 8.♗xc6+ bxc6 9.♘f3 f6 10.d4N (10.♖c1 ♗h3∞) 10...♘c4 - 127/(11) (10...exd4N 11.♘xd4 c5 12.♘b3 ♕xd1+ 13.♖xd1 c4 14.♘d4 a6∞ (14...♗d7 15.♘db5 O-O-O 16.♘xa7+ ♔b7 17.♘ab5 ♗xb5 18.♘xb5 ♗b4+ 19.♗d2 ♖d5 20.♗xb4 ♖xb5 21.♗c3± Rambaldi,F (2560) -Saduakassova,D (2407) Doha 127/(11) 2015)) 11.♕a4 ♘xe3 12.fxe3 ♕d6? Battaglini,G (2068)-Paleologu,V (2147) Arco 127/(11) 2015 (12...♕d6 13.dxe5! fxe5 14.♖d1 ♕e6 (14...♕c5 15.♖d5!+-) 15.♘d5±) (12...O-O 13.♕xc6 (13.dxe5 ♕e8!?⯹) 13...♖b8⯹)

6...♘c6 7.♘ge2 ♕d3!?

7...♗e7 - 123/14

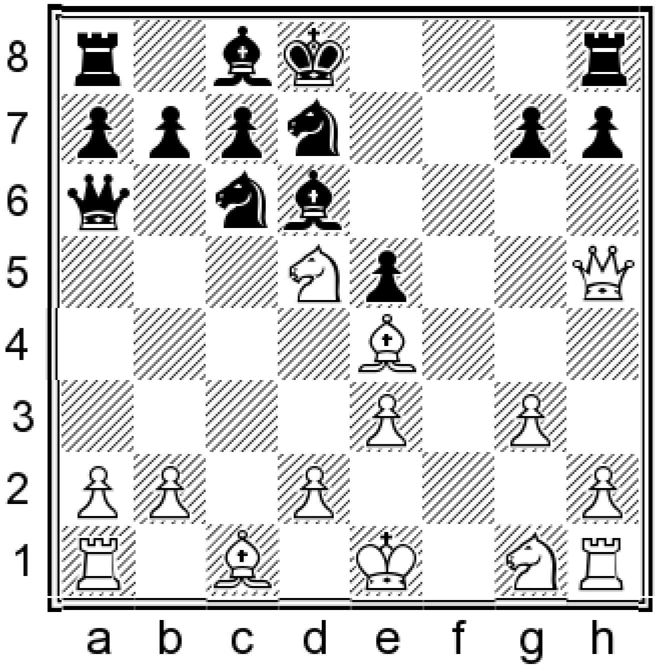
8.f4 f6 9.♗e4 ♕a6 10.fxe5 fxe5 11.♘g1!?

11.O-O ♗g4 12.a3 O-O-O 13.♖b1∞

11...♘d7! 12.♘d5

12.♕h5+?! g6 13.♗xg6+ hxg6 14.♕xh8 ♘b4!∓

12...♗d6 13.♕h5+ ♔d8



14.♘f3N

14.♘e2 ♘c5 15.♕g5+ ♘e7 16.♘xe7 ♗xe7 17.♕xe5 ♖f8 18.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 19.♔xf1 ♗h3+ 20.♔e1 ♘xe4 21.♕xe4 ♔d7⯹

14...♘c5 15.♕g5+

15.♘g5 ♖f8∓ 16.♘f7+ ♖xf7 17.♕xf7 ♗e6 18.♕xg7 ♘xe4-+

15...♘e7! 16.♘xe7

16.♕xg7 ♖g8 17.♕xh7 ♘xe4 18.♕xe4 ♖g4 19.♕h7 ♘xd5∓

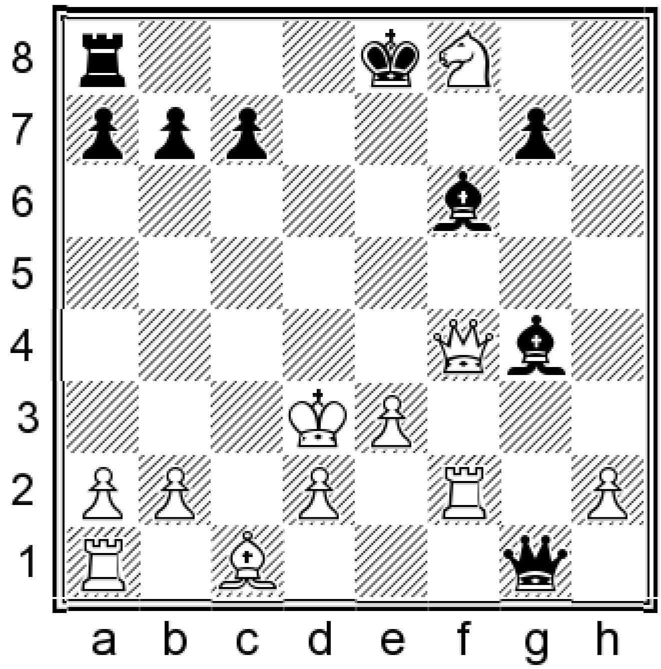
16...♗xe7 17.♕xe5 ♖f8 18.♖f1 ♕c4?

18...♗d7 19.d4 (19.b4 ♘xe4 20.♕xe4 ♗c6 21.♕g4 ♗f6 22.d4 ♗e7∓) 19...♘xe4 20.♕xe4 ♗c6 21.d5 (21.♕g4? ♗b4+ 22.♗d2 ♕d3 23.♕g5+ ♗e7 24.♕g4 h5! (24...♕xf1+? 25.♔xf1 ♗xf3 26.♕xg7+-) 25.♕xh5 g6 26.♕g4 ♕xf1+ 27.♔xf1 ♗xf3-+) 21...♕a5+ 22.♗d2 ♕xd5∓

19.♗xh7 ♗h3 20.♖f2± ♗f6 21.♕f4 ♘d3+ 22.♗xd3 ♕xd3 23.g4 ♕d7 24.♘e5 ♕d5 25.♘g6 ♕h1+

25...♖e8 26.♕g3 ♕g5 27.♕xh3 ♕xg6 28.d3±

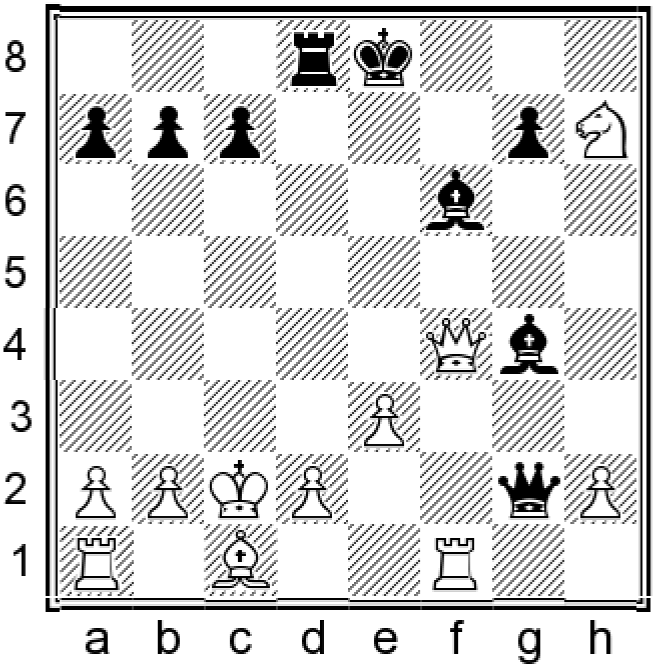
26.♔e2 ♕g1 27.♘xf8 ♗xg4+ 28.♔d3 ♔e8



29.♖f1

29.♘h7 ♖d8+ 30.♔c2 ♗d1+ 31.♔b1 ♕g6+ 32.e4 (32.♕f5?! ♕xf5+ 33.♖xf5 ♗e2 34.♘xf6+ gxf6 35.♖c5 ♗d3+ 36.♖c2 ♖d6 37.b4 ♖c6 38.♔b2 ♖xc2+ 39.♔b3 ♗f5 40.a4 ♔f7 41.b5 ♔e6=) 32...♕xh7 33.a4±29.b3! ♖d8+ (29...♗xa1? 30.♕e4+! ♔d8 31.♘g6+-) 30.♔c4! ♕d1 31.♕e4+ ♔f7 (31...♔xf8 32.♗a3++-) 32.♖xf6+ gxf6 33.♕g6+ ♔e7 34.♗a3++-

29...♖d8+ 30.♔c2 ♕g2 31.♘h7?



31.♖f2 ♕c6+ 32.♔b1 ♕a6 33.♕e4+ ♔xf8 34.d4 ♗e2 35.♔c2±

31...♗e2?

31...♕c6+! 32.♔b1 ♗e2 33.♘xf6+ gxf6 34.a3 (34.b3 ♗d3+ 35.♔b2 ♖d6! 36.a4 (36.♕xd6 ♕xd6 37.♖f4 ♕e5+-+) 36...♕c2+ 37.♔a3 ♖b6 38.b4 ♗c4-+) (34.♕f5 ♗d3+ 35.♕xd3 ♖xd3 36.♖f4 ♕d7 37.♔c2 ♕h7-+) 34...♗d3+ 35.♔a2 ♕c2-+

32.♘xf6+ gxf6 33.b3! ♗d3+

33...♕c6+ 34.♔b2 ♗d3 35.♕xf6 ♕c2+ 36.♔a3+-

34.♔b2 ♗xf1?!

34...♕xf1 35.♕xf1 (35.♕xc7 ♕f5=∞) 35...♗xf1 36.d4 ♔f7 37.♗d2±

35.♕xc7 ♗d3

35...♗b5 36.h4±

36.♔a3! ♗f5 37.♗b2 ♕xd2

37...♖xd2 38.♗xf6+-

38.♗xf6 ♕d6+ 39.♕xd6 ♖xd6 40.♗d4+- ♖a6+

40...♖h6 41.♖f1 ♗h7 42.♗e5+-

41.♔b4 ♗e4 42.a4 ♖h6 43.♖a2 a6 44.♖f2 ♗d5 45.a5 ♔d7 46.♔c3 ♖c6+ 47.♔b2 ♖h6 48.b4 ♖h5 49.♔c3 ♖h4 50.♔d3 ♔e6 51.♖b2 ♖h3 52.♗a7 ♖h8 53.♗b6 ♖h7 54.♔c3 ♖h4 55.♗d8 ♖c4+ 56.♔d3 ♖c8 57.♗g5 ♗c4+ 58.♔e4 ♗d5+ 59.♔d4 ♖c4+ 60.♔d3 ♖g4 61.♗f4 ♖g1 62.b5 ♖d1+

62...axb5 63.♖xb5+-

63.♔c2 ♖g1 64.♖b4

64.bxa6 ♖g2+ (64...bxa6 65.♖b6++-) 65.♔c3 ♖xb2 66.♔xb2 bxa6 67.♔c3+-

64...axb5 65.♖xb5 ♖g4 66.♔c3 ♖h4 67.♖b6+ ♔f5 68.♔d4 ♗f3 69.♖b2 ♖h7 70.♖b5+ ♔e6 71.e4 ♖d7+ 72.♔e3 ♗g2 73.♖b6+ ♔f7 74.h4 ♖e7 75.e5 ♖e6 76.♖b2

76.♖xe6 ♔xe6 77.h5 ♗h3 78.h6 ♗f5 79.♔d4+-

76...♗d5 77.♖d2 ♗c6 78.h5 ♖e8 79.h6 ♖a8 80.♖h2 ♔g6 81.h7 ♖h8 82.♖h6+ ♔g7 83.a6 ♗g2 84.a7 b5 85.e6 1-0

12. [A25]
Koch, Jean Rene (2446) - Skembris, Spyridon (2412)
Selestat 2016 [Skembris,Spyridon]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 ♗c5 5.e3 O-O 6.♘ge2 d5 7.cxd5 ♘b4 8.d4 exd4 9.exd4 ♗e7 10.O-O

10.d6 - 32/(34)

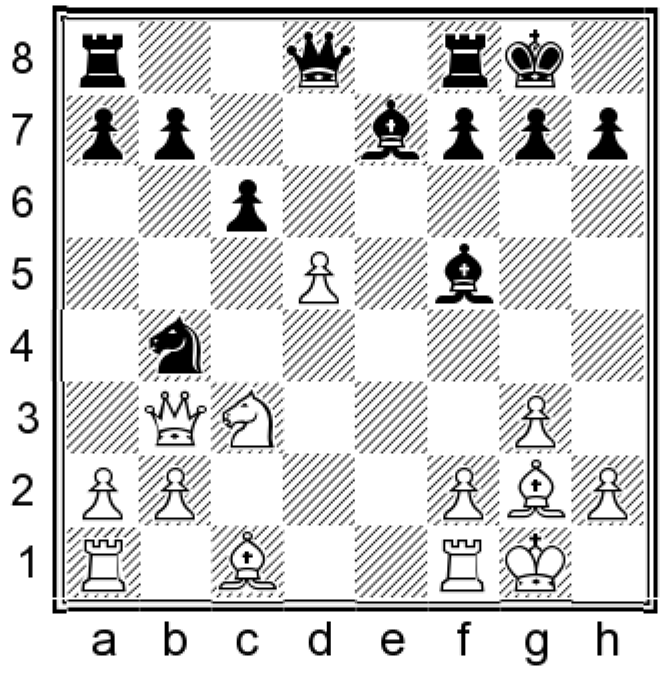
10...♘bxd5 11.♕b3!?

11.♘xd5 ♘xd5 12.♘f4 ♘b6 13.♗e3 ♘c4 14.♕b3 ♘xe3 15.fxe3 c6 16.♖f2 ♕b6⇄

11...c6

11...♘b6!?

12.♘xd5!? ♘xd5 13.♘c3↑ [×d5] **13...♘b4 14.d5 ♗f5**



15.♗g5!

15.dxc6 bxc6 16.♖d1 ♕a5 17.♘e4 ♗g4↑

15...♘xd5?!N

15...♗c2!? 16.♕xb4 (16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♕a3 c5↑) 16...♗xb4 17.♗xd8 ♖fxd8 18.dxc6 bxc6=∞RR15...a5 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♖ac1 ♖fe8 18.a3 ♘d3 19.♖cd1∞

16.♗xe7± ♕xe7

16...♘xe7 17.♕xb7 ♖e8 18.♖fe1 ♗e6 19.♘e4! ♕b6 20.♘d6±

17.♘xd5

17.♗xd5!? cxd5 18.♘xd5 ♕d6 19.♕xb7 ♗g4∞

17...cxd5 18.♕xd5

18.♖fe1!?±

18...♗e6= 19.♕e5

19.♕xb7 ♕xb7 20.♗xb7 ♖ab8 21.♗e4 ♖xb2↑

19...♖ac8 20.♖ac1 b6?!

⌓20...♕d7!=

21.♗h3↑ ♖fe8 22.♖xc8 ♖xc8 23.♖e1 ♖e8 24.♗xe6 ♕xe6 25.♕xe6 fxe6?!

25...♖xe6=

26.♖c1± ♖e7 27.♔f1 ♔f7 28.♔e2 ♔f6 29.♔e3 ♔e5 30.♖c8

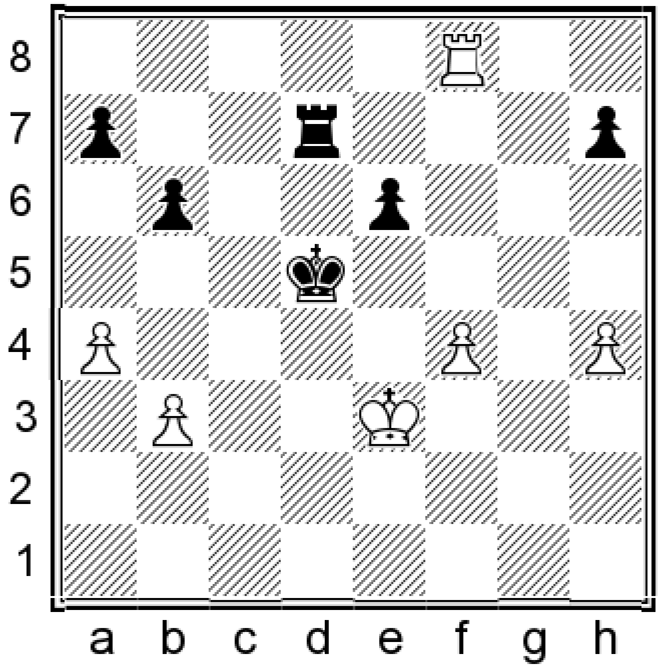
30.f4+!? ♔f6 (30...♔d6 31.♔e4± Δ♖c7 32.♖xc7 ♔xc7 33.♔e5 ♔d7 34.a4+- ♔e7 35.g4 ♔d7 36.b4 a6 37.b5 axb5 38.axb5 ♔e7 39.f5 exf5 40.gxf5) 31.♖c8±

30...g5 31.f3 ♖d7 32.a4 ♖f7 33.b3 ♖d7 34.♖g8 ♔f5 35.♖f8+ ♔e5 36.f4+

36.h3 ♖g7 37.b4 ♖c7 38.f4+ gxf4+ 39.gxf4+ ♔d5 (39...♔d6 40.♔d4↑) 40.♖d8+ ♔c4 41.♖d6 ♔xb4 42.♖xe6 ♔xa4 43.f5 b5⇄

36...gxf4+ 37.♖xf4=

37.gxf4+!? ♔d5 38.h4



38...♖g7 (38...a5 39.h5±) 39.♖d8+ ♔c5 40.♔e4 ♖g3 41.♖h8 ♖xb3 42.♖xh7 a5 43.h5 b5 44.axb5 a4 45.h6 ♖h3 46.♖h8 ♔b6 47.h7 ♔b7 48.♖e8 ♖xh7 49.♖xe6 ♖h2 50.♖a6 ♖a2 51.f5 a3 52.♔f3! ♖a1 53.♔f2 a2 54.♔g2 (54.f6 ♖h1 55.f7 ♖h8=) 54...♔c7! 55.f6 (55.b6+ ♔d7 56.f6 ♔e8=) 55...♔d7 56.b6 ♔e8 57.b7 ♖b1=

37...♖c7 38.♖h4 ♔d5 39.♔d3 e5 40.♖h5 ♖f7 41.g4 ♖f3+ 42.♔e2 ♖f7 43.♔e3 ♖c7 44.h3 ♖c3+ 45.♔d2 ♖c7 46.♔d3 ♖f7 47.g5 ♖f3+ 48.♔e2 ♖f7 49.♔e3 ♖c7 50.h4 ♖c3+ 51.♔d2 ♖c7 52.♔d3 ♖f7 53.♔e3 ♖c7 54.♔d3 1/2-1/2

13. [A26]
Howell, David (2688) - Pert, Nicholas (2572)
Great Britain (ch-m/2) 2015 [Pert,Nicholas]

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 d6 5.d3 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘d4 7.♘ce2 c5

7...♘e6 - 53/(29)

8.♘xd4 cxd4 9.h4 h5 10.♘h3 ♗h6N

10...♘h6

11.f4 ♘f6 12.♘f2 ♘g4 13.♘xg4 ♗xg4 14.♗f3 ♕d7

RR14...♗d7∞

15.♗xg4 ♕xg4 16.♕xg4 hxg4 17.O-O ♔e7 18.a4 ♖ag8 19.♔g2 exf4 20.♗xf4 ♗xf4 21.♖xf4 g5 22.hxg5

22.♖xg4 gxh4 23.♔f3 hxg3 24.♖xg3=

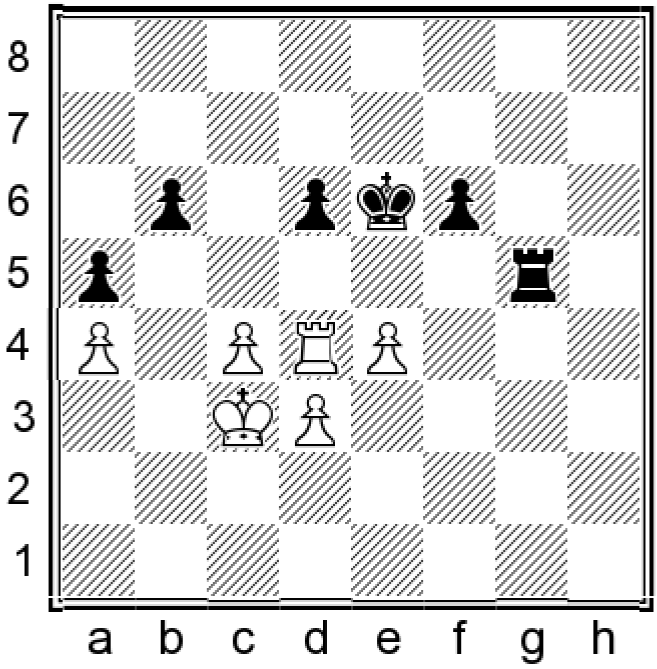
22...♖xg5 23.♖h1 ♖xh1 24.♔xh1 a5 25.♔g2 ♔e6 26.♖f1 ♖h5 27.♖f4 ♖g5 28.♔f1 f6 29.♔e1 ♖h5 30.♖xg4 ♖h2

30...♖h1+ 31.♔d2 ♖h2+ 32.♔c1 ♖h1+ 33.♔c2 ♖h2+ 34.♔b3 ♖d2 35.♖g7 b6 36.♖g8 ♖xd3+ 37.♔c2 ♖e3 38.♖e8+ ♔d7 39.♖b8 ♖e2+ 40.♔d3 ♖xb2 41.g4 ♖b4 42.♔xd4 ♔e6 43.♖e8+ ♔d7 44.♖b8=

31.♖f4 ♖xb2 32.♖f5 ♖g2

32...♖a2 33.♖xa5 ♖a3 34.♔d2 ♖a2+ 35.♔c1 ♖a3 36.♔c2 ♖a2+ 37.♔b3 ♖d2=

33.♖d5 ♖xg3 34.♖xd4 ♖g5 35.♔d2 b6 36.♔c3



36...♖g1?

36...♖e5 37.♖d5 f5 38.♖xe5+ dxe5 39.exf5+ ♔xf5 40.c5 bxc5 41.♔c4 e4 42.dxe4+ ♔xe4 43.♔xc5 ♔e5 44.♔b5 ♔d6 45.♔xa5 ♔c7=

37.♖d5 ♖b1 38.♔d4!

38.♖b5 ♖xb5 39.cxb5 ♔e5=

38...♖b4?

38...♖b3 39.♖h5 ♖b2 40.♖b5 ♖b4= 41.♔c3 ♖xb5 42.cxb5 ♔e5 43.♔c4 f5 (43...d5+ 44.exd5 f5 45.d4+ ♔d6 46.♔d3 ♔xd5 47.♔e3 f4+ 48.♔f3 ♔xd4 49.♔xf4 ♔c5 50.♔e5 ♔b4 51.♔d5 ♔xa4 52.♔c6 ♔b3 53.♔xb6 a4 54.♔c5 a3 55.b6 a2 56.b7 a1=Q 57.b8=Q+=) 44.exf5 d5+ 45.♔c3 ♔xf5 46.♔d4 ♔e6=

39.♖b5! ♖xa4

39...♖xb5 40.cxb5 d5 41.exd5+ ♔d6 42.♔e4 ♔c5 43.♔f5 ♔xd5 44.♔xf6 ♔d4 45.♔e6 ♔xd3 46.♔d5 ♔c3 47.♔c6 ♔b4 48.♔xb6 ♔xa4 49.♔c5 ♔b3 50.b6 a4 51.b7 a3 52.b8=Q++-

40.♖xb6 ♖b4 41.♖a6 ♖a4 42.♖b6 ♖b4 43.♖c6 a4

43...♖a4 44.♖a6±

44.♖a6 ♔d7?

44...a3 45.♖xa3 ♖b6±

45.♔d5 ♔c7 46.♖xd6 ♖b8

46...♖b6 47.♖xb6 ♔xb6 48.c5+ ♔b5 49.c6+-

47.♔c5!

47.d4?? ♖d8 48.c5 a3 49.♔c4 ♖a8-+47.♖xf6 ♖d8+±

47...a3 48.♖xf6 ♔b7 49.♖f2 ♔a6 50.♖a2 ♖b3 51.d4 ♔a5 52.d5 ♔a4 53.d6 1-0

14.* [A27]
Howell, David (2688) - Pert, Nicholas (2572)
Great Britain (ch-m/2) 2015 [Pert,Nicholas]

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 f5 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.d4 e4 6.♘h4 g6 7.♗g5 ♗g7 8.♕d2 ♘e7

8...♔f7?! - 79/(15)8...O-O - 62/25

9.d5N

9.♗h6 O-O 10.♗xg7 ♔xg7 11.d5=9.f3 - 127/(14) 9...d5N (9...exf3) 10.fxe4 dxe4 McNab,C (2426) -Webb,S (2264) Great Britain 127/(14) 2015 (10...dxe4 11.O-O-O h6∞)

9...h6 10.♗e3 ♘g4!?

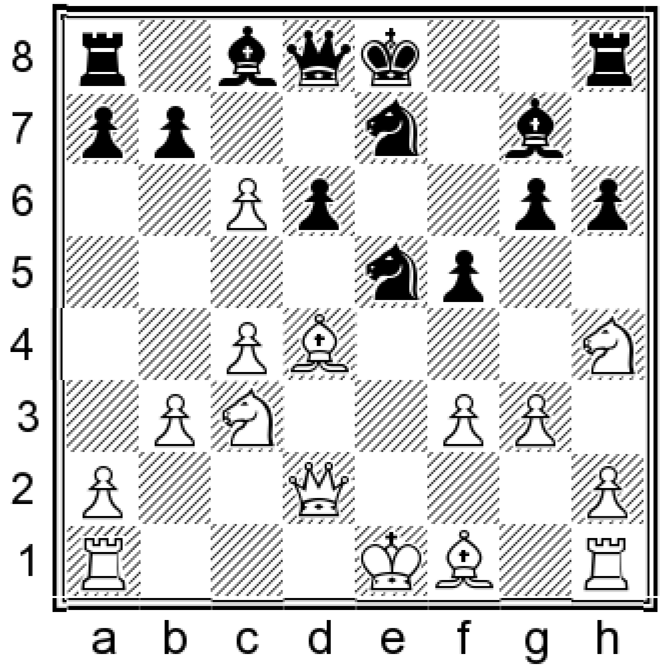
10...d6=

11.♗d4 ♘e5 12.b3 d6! 13.f4 exf3 14.exf3

14.♘xf3 c5 15.♗xe5 dxe5 16.e4±

14...c5 15.♗e3

15.dxc6!



15...g5 (15...♘7xc6 16.♗xe5 ♘xe5 17.O-O-O O-O (17...g5 18.f4⩲) 18.f4 ♘c6 19.♘xg6 ♖e8 20.♘d5⩲) 16.♗xe5 ♗xe5 17.f4 ♗g7 18.♗g2! ♘xc6 19.♘f3 gxf4 20.O-O⩲

15...f4!?

15...g5 16.f4 ♘g4 17.♘g2 ♘xe3 18.♕xe3 ♗d7⩱

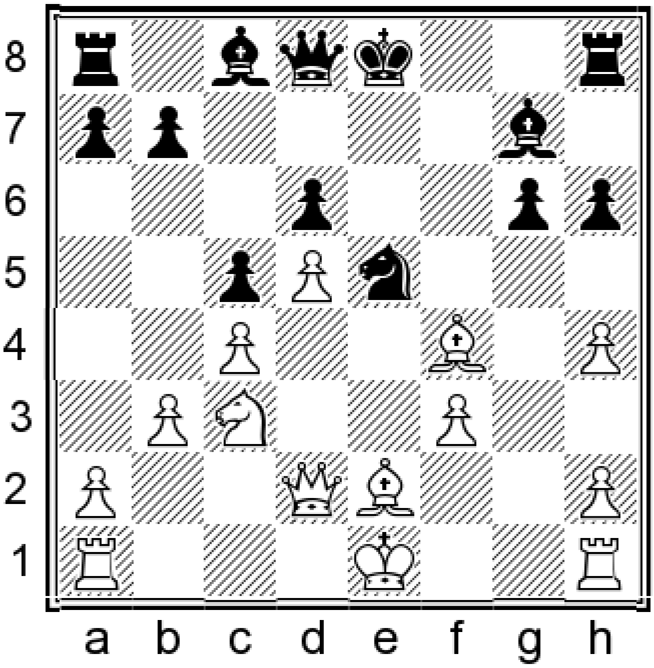
16.♗xf4

16.gxf4 ♘f5 17.fxe5 ♘xh4 18.♗e2 ♘g2+ 19.♔d1 ♗xe5⩱

16...♘f5 17.♗e2

17.♗xe5 ♘xh4 18.gxh4 ♗xe5∓

17...♘xh4 18.gxh4



18...O-O! 19.O-O-O

19.♗xh6? ♕xh4+-+

19...♘xf3!

19...♖xf4! 20.♕xf4 ♕a5 21.♘a4 ♕b4 22.♕d2 ♕a3+ 23.♕b2 ♘d3+ 24.♗xd3 ♗xb2+ 25.♘xb2 ♔f7∓

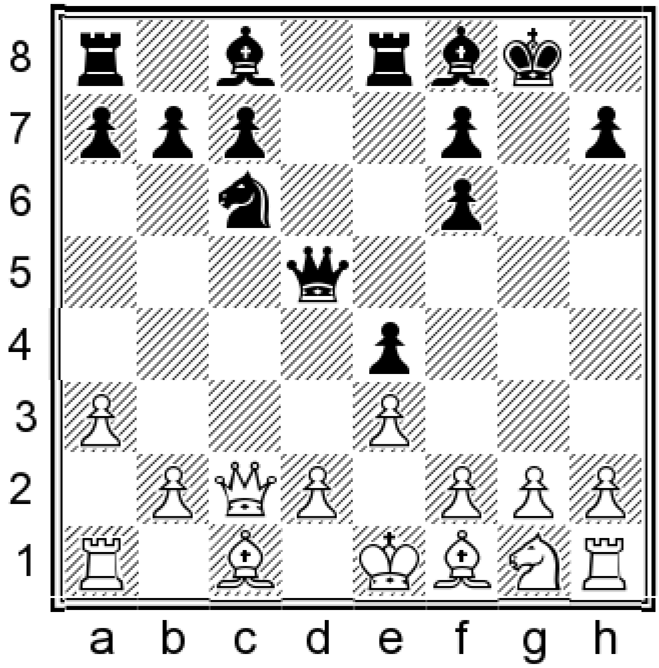
20.♗xf3 ♕f6 21.♗e2 ♕xf4 22.♕xf4 ♖xf4∓

15.* [A28]
Giri, Anish (2784) - Sunilduth Lyna, Narayanan (2494)
Doha 2015 [Milanovic,Danilo]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.e3 ♗b4 5.♕c2 O-O 6.♘d5 ♖e8 7.♕f5 d6 8.♘xf6+ gxf6 9.♕c2 e4 10.♘g1

10.♘h4?! - 23/56

10...d5 11.a3 ♗f8 12.cxd5 ♕xd5



13.♘e2 - 127/15

13.♗c4?!N ♕g5 14.♘e2 ♘e5 15.♘g3 f5↑ Arabidze,M (2403) -Kosteniuk,A (2530) Kutaisi (rapid) 127/(15) 2015

13...♗f5N

13...f5

14.b4!? a5 15.♘c3 ♕e6 16.b5 ♘e5

16...♘e7 17.♗b2 ♘g6 18.h4 h5 19.♘e2 ♘e5 20.♘f4 ♕d6 21.♗e2±

17.♘xe4! ♘d7

17...c6 18.f3 (18.bxc6 ♖ac8⇄) 18...♖ac8 19.♕a2±

18.d3

18.f3!?

18...♗xe4

18...♖ac8 19.♗e2 c6 20.♘g3 ♗g6 21.O-O cxb5 22.♕b1 b4 23.h4±

19.dxe4 ♘c5 20.♗b2 ♖ad8

20...♕xe4 21.♕xe4 ♘xe4 22.♗d3 ♖ad8 23.♗xe4 ♖xe4 24.♔e2±

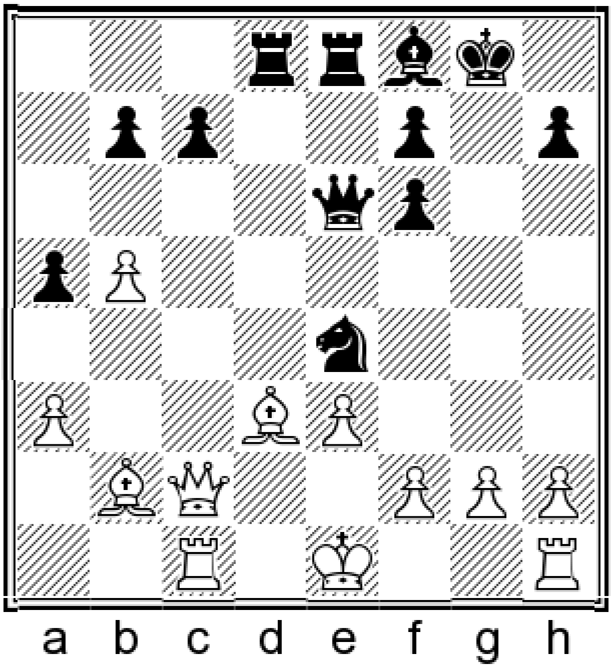
21.♖c1?!

21.f3!?± ∆f5? 22.♕c3+-

21...♘xe4

21...♕xe4±

22.♗d3



22...♘xf2! 23.♗xh7+

23.♔xf2? ♕xe3+-+23.♕xf2 ♖xd3∓

23...♚g7 24.O-O! ♘d3?

24...♘g4! 25.♖f3 (25.♗f5 ♕xe3+ 26.♔h1 ♘xh2! 27.♔xh2 (27.♗xf6+ ♔xf6 28.♔xh2 (28.♗d7+ ♘xf1 29.♖xf1+ ♔g7-+) (28.♗g6+ ♘xf1 29.♕f5+ ♔e7 30.♕xf7+ ♔d6 31.♕xc7+ ♔d5 32.♕xb7+ ♔e5 33.♕c7+ ♖d6 34.♖c5+ ♔d4 35.♖c4+ ♔d5 36.♗f7+ ♖ee6-+) 28...♔g7-+) 27...♗d6+ 28.♔h1 ♖h8+-+) 25...♘xe3 26.♖xf6 ♘xc2 27.♖xe6+ ♔xh7 28.♖xe8 ♖xe8 29.♖xc2 ♗d6=

25.♗xd3+- ♕xe3+ 26.♔h1 ♖xd3

26...♕xd3 27.♗xf6+ ♔g8 28.♗xd8+-

27.♖xf6! ♔g8 28.♖cf1 ♕e2 29.♕c4! ♖d7 30.♖g6+ 1-0

16. [A29]
Ding, Liren (2766) - Adams, Michael (2744)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Tadic,Branko]

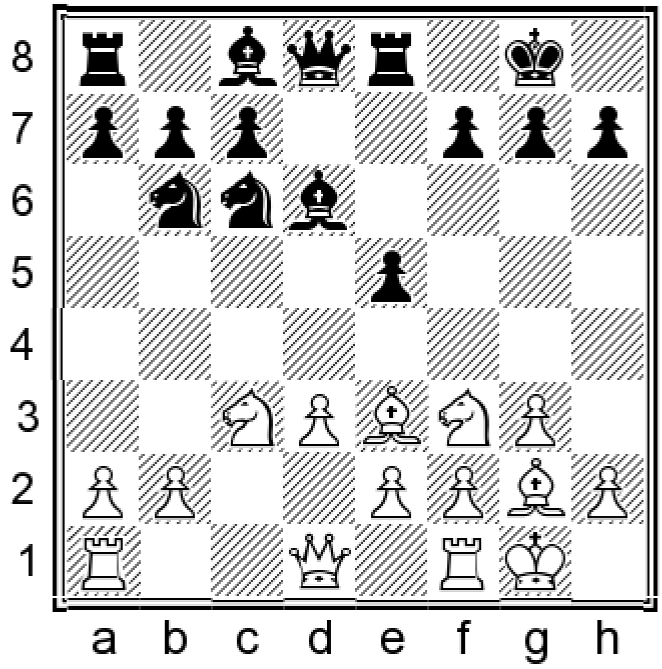
1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘c3 ♘b6 6.d3 ♘c6 7.♗e3

7.♘f3 - 109/(13)

7...♗d6!?

7...♗e7 8.♗xc6+ bxc6

8.♘f3 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8N



9...♕e7

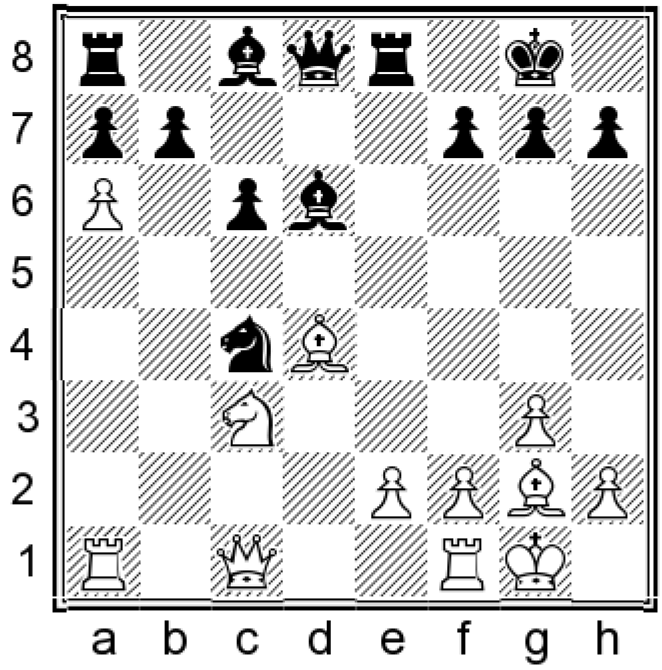
10.d4!? exd4 11.♘xd4 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 c6 13.a4

13.♕d3 ♗e5 14.♖fd1 ♗xd4 15.♕xd4 ♕xd4 16.♖xd4 ♗e6=

13...♗f8?!

13...♘c4 14.♘e4 ♗f8 15.♖c1 ♗e6∞

14.a5 ♘c4 15.a6! ♘xb2 16.♕d2 ♘c4 17.♕f4! ♗d6 18.♕c1



18.axb7 ♗xb7 19.♕f5♾

18...♗e5

18...♗xg3?! 19.hxg3 ♕xd4 20.axb7 ♗xb7 21.♖a4!±18...♘a5 19.♖a4! b6 (19...♘b3 20.axb7 ♗xb7 21.♕b1 ♘xd4 22.♖xd4±) 20.♖xa5 bxa5 21.♗xc6 ♗d7 22.♗xa8 ♕xa8 23.♕g5 f6! (23...♗f8 24.♖b1↑) 24.♗xf6 ♗f8 25.♖b1 (25.♘d5 h6 26.♕h5 ♕c6 27.♗a1 a4∓) 25...h6 26.♕h5 ♕c6 (26...gxf6 27.♖b7 ♕c8 28.♘d5 ♖e6 29.♖xa7 (29.♕g6+ ♔h8 30.♕f7 ♖d6 31.♘f4 ♗g7 32.♖xa7⯹) 29...♕c1+ 30.♔g2 ♕g5 31.♕xg5+ hxg5 32.♖xd7 ♖xa6∞) 27.♖b7 gxf6 28.♘d5 ♖e6 29.♖xa7 ♕c1+∞ - 26...gf6

19.♗xe5 ♘xe5 20.♖d1 ♕e7 21.♘e4

21.axb7 ♗xb7 (21...♕xb7 22.♘e4 ♕e7 23.♖a5↑ (23.f4!?)) 22.♘e4↑

21...bxa6

21...b6 22.f4 ♘g4 23.h3 ♗f5 24.♖a4 ♘h6 25.g4↑

22.f4 ♘g6

22...♘g4 23.h3 ♘f6 24.♘d6 ♖d8 25.♕xc6 ♖b8 26.e4⯹

23.♕xc6 ♖b8 24.♕d6 ♗g4 25.♕xe7 ♖xe7 26.♖d2⩲ h6

26...♖b6 27.♘c3 ♖d7 28.♖xd7 ♗xd7 29.♘d5 ♖d6 30.e4±

27.♖xa6 ♖b4 28.♘c3 ♖c4 29.♖a3 ♘f8

29...♖e3 30.♖d8+ ♘f8 31.♖d3±

30.♔f2 ♖ec7 31.♘d5 ♖c2

⌓31...♖d7

32.♖xc2 ♖xc2 33.♗f1

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33...♗e6 34.♘e7+ ♔h7 35.♖xa7 g6 36.♗g2 ♗g4 37.♗f1 ♗e6 38.♗g2 ♗g4 39.♗f3 ♗xf3 40.♔xf3± ♘e6 41.e3 ♔g7

41...♖xh2? 42.♘c6 ♔g8 43.♘e5+-

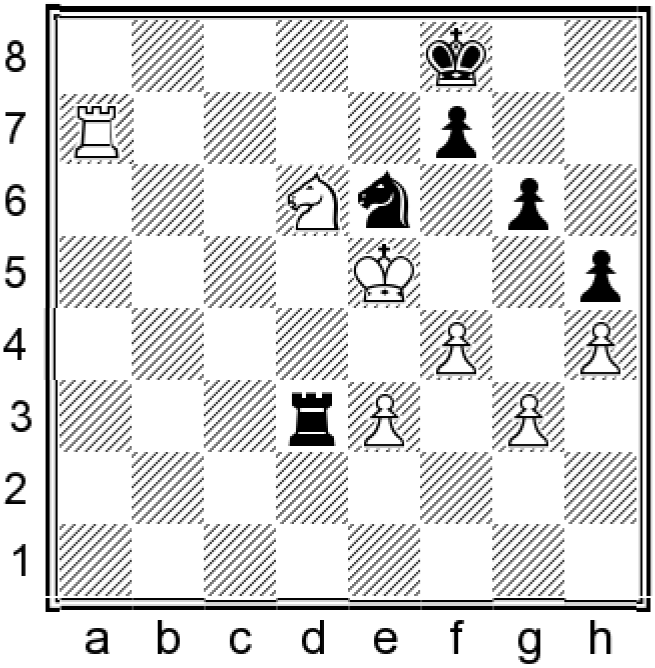
42.h3 h5 43.♘d5 ♖h2 44.h4 ♖c2 45.♘b6 ♖c3 46.♔e4 ♖c1 47.♔f3 ♖c3 48.♘d5 ♖b3 49.♔e4 ♖b1 50.♘c3 ♖b4+ 51.♔d5 ♔f8?!

⌓51...♖b8±

52.♘e4

52.e4! ∆ f5↑

52...♖b3 53.♘d6 ♖d3+ 54.♔e5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54...♘d8??

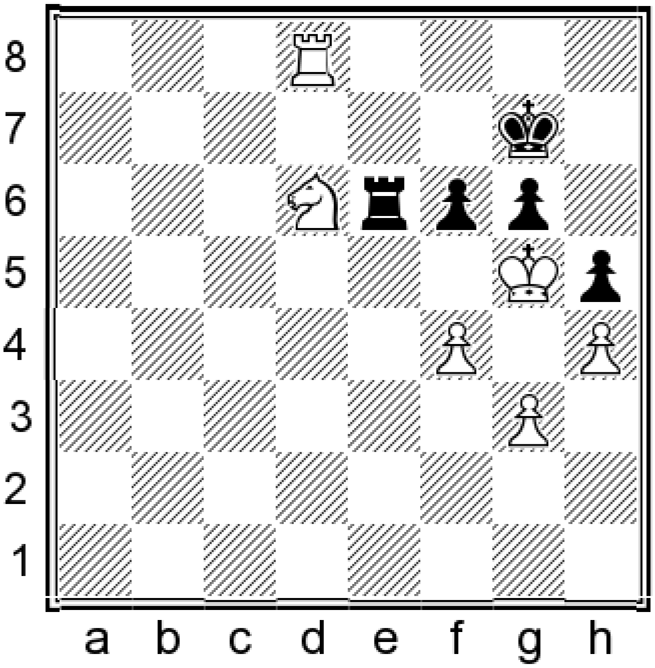
54...♖xe3+! 55.♔f6 ♘c7! 56.♘xf7 (56.♖xc7 ♖e6+ 57.♔g5 ♖xd6=) 56...♘d5+ 57.♔xg6 ♖xg3+ 58.♘g5 ♘xf4+ 59.♔f5 ♘g2 60.♔f6 ♔e8 61.♘e6 ♖f3+ 62.♔g5 ♖f7=

55.♖d7!+- ♖xe3+ 56.♔f6 ♖e6+ 57.♔g5 ♔g7

57...♘c6 58.♖xf7+ ♔g8 59.♖f6+-57...♖e3 58.♖xd8+ ♔g7 59.f5+-

58.f5

58.♖xd8?? f6#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58...♖e3 59.f6+ ♔h7 60.♖xd8 ♖e4!? 61.♖h8+! 1-0

17*. [A29]
Skembris, Spyridon (2416) - Herb, Pascal (2248)
France 2016 [Skembris,Spyridon]

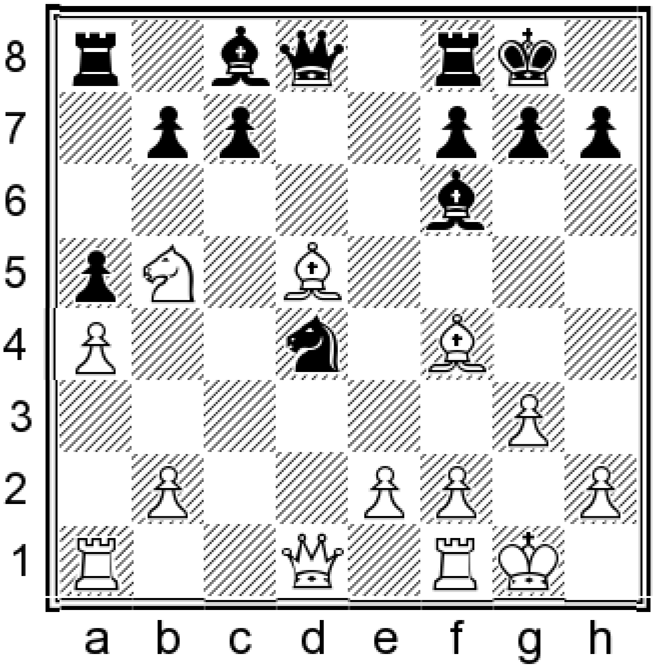
1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘c3 ♘b6

5...♗e6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.d4 exd4 9.♘xd4 ♘xd4 (9...♘xc3 10.bxc3 ♘xd4 (10...♗d5 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.♗f4 O-O 13.♕a4±) 11.cxd4 c6 12.♖b1 ♕d7 13.a4±) 10.♕xd4 ♗f6? (10...♘xc3 11.♕xc3 ♗f6 12.♕b4±) 11.♕a4+ c6 12.♘xd5 ♗xd5 13.♖d1 b5 14.♕c2 ♕c8 15.e4 ♗e6 (15...♗c4 16.♗f4 O-O 17.♖ac1±) 16.e5 ♗e7N (16...♗xe5) 17.♕xc6++- Skembris,S (2416) -Kolb,W (2037) Deutschland 127/(17) 2016

6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.a4 a5 9.d4 exd4 10.♘b5 ♗f6 11.♗f4 ♘d5 12.♘fxd4 ♘xd4

12...♘xf4 - 62/(29)

13.♗xd5 O-O



13...♘xb5 14.axb5 O-O 15.♖c1 c6 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.♖xc6 ♗h3 18.♖e1 ♖c8 19.♖xc8 ♕xc8 20.♕d2±

14.♘xc7!?N

14.♗g2 c6 15.♘xd4 ♕xd4∓14.♘xd4 ♕xd5 15.♘b5 ♕xd1 16.♖fxd1 c6 17.♘d6 ♖d8!? (17...♗e6 18.♘xb7±) 18.♘e4 ♖xd1+ 19.♖xd1 ♗e7 20.♘d6 ♗xd6 21.♖xd6 ♗e6 22.f3 ♔f8 23.♗e3 ♔e8 24.♗b6 ♗b3 25.♖d4 ♖a6∞

14...♗g4!?

14...♗h3 15.♗g2 ♗xg2 16.♔xg2 g5 17.♗e3 ♕xc7 18.♗xd4 ♕c6+ 19.♔g1 ♖ad8 20.♖c1 ♕e4 21.e3 ♗xd4 22.♖c4! ♖fe8 23.b3 ♔g7 24.exd4 ♖d5 25.f4→

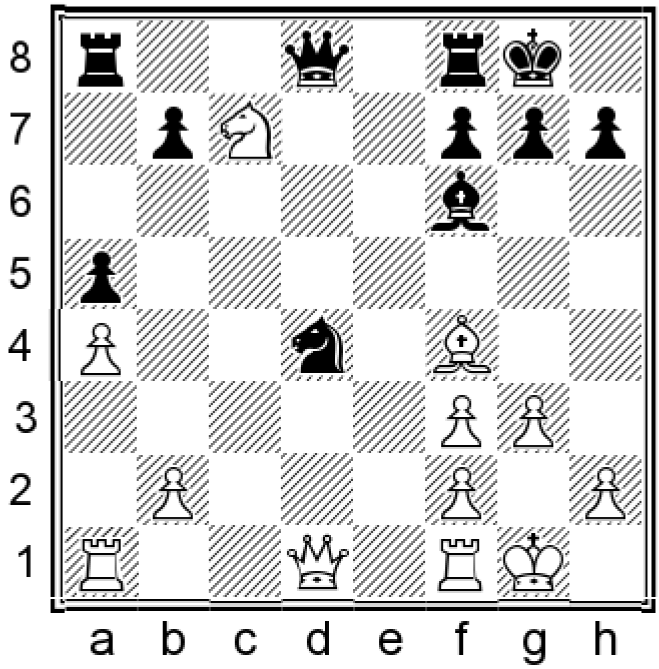
15.♗f3!±

15.f3 ♗h3 16.♘xa8 ♗xf1 17.♔xf1 ♕xd5 18.♘c7 ♕h5 19.g4 ♕h4⇄

15...♗xf3

15...♘xf3+ 16.exf3 ♕xd1 17.♖fxd1 ♗xf3 18.♖d3 ♗c6 19.♘xa8 ♖xa8 20.♖d2±

16.exf3



16...♖c8

16...g5 17.♗e3! ♕xc7 18.♗xd4 ♖ad8 19.♖c1 ♕b8 (19...♕e7 20.♗xf6±) 20.♗xf6 ♖xd1 21.♖fxd1 h6 22.♖d5 (22.h4!?→) 22...♔h7 (22...b6 23.♖c6 ♕b7 24.♖cd6± Δ♔h7 25.♔g2 ♕c7 26.♗c3 ♕c4 27.♖f5+-) 23.♖xa5±

17.♘b5 ♘xb5 18.axb5 ♖c4 19.♕xd8 ♖xd8

19...♗xd8 20.♗d6 ♖e8 21.♖fe1 ♖e6 22.b4 b6 23.♖ed1±

20.♖xa5 ♖b4 21.b6 h6 22.♖a7 g5 23.♗e3 ♖d7 24.♖c1 ♗d8 25.♖c8 ♔g7 26.♖b8 ♖d6

26...♗xb6 27.♖axb7 ♗xe3 28.♖xb4 ♖d1+ 29.♔g2 ♖d2 30.♔h3 ♗xf2 31.♔g4 ♔g6 32.♖g8+ ♔h7 33.♖bb8+-

27.♖bxb7 ♗xb6 28.♖xf7+ ♔g6 29.♖g7+ ♔f6 30.♖af7+ ♔e6 31.♖b7 ♔f6 32.♖gd7 ♖xd7 33.♖xd7 ♗xe3 34.fxe3 ♖xb2 35.♖d6+ ♔g7 36.g4 1-0

18*. [A30]
Jones, Gawain C (2625) - Ju, Wenjun (2548)
Auckland 2016 [Tadic,Branko]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 c5 3.♘f3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.♗g2 ♗b7 6.O-O ♗e7 7.♖e1 d5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xd5 ♗xd5

9...♕xd5 10.d4 cxd4 11.♕xd4 O-O 12.♗g5 ♗xg5 13.♕xd5 ♗xd5 14.♘xg5 ♗xg2 15.♔xg2 ♘c6N (15...♘a6 - 105/13) 16.♖ac1 ♖ac8 17.♖ed1 ♘e5 18.♘e4 h6 19.h3 f5 20.♘d2 ♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♖d8= Dubov,D (2654) -Lysyj,I (2673) Russia (ch) 127/(18) 2015

10.d4 cxd4 11.♕a4+

11.♕xd4 - 101/(16)

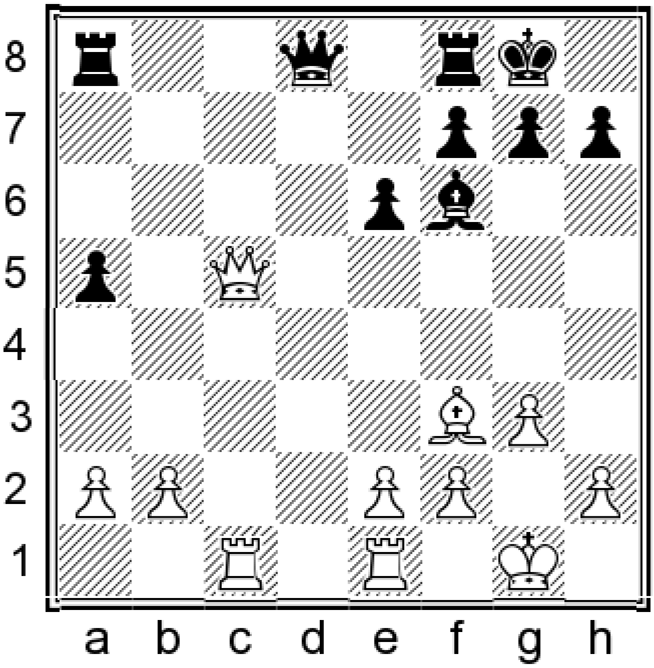
11...♗c6 12.♕xd4 O-O 13.♗e3N

13.♖d1

13...♗f6 14.♕b4 ♘a6 15.♕a3 ♘c5

15...♘c7 16.♖ac1 ♗b7 17.♖ed1 ♘d5 18.♗d4 ♗e7 19.♕b3 ♖c8 20.♘e5 ♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♕a8 22.♕a4±

16.♖ac1 a5 17.♗xc5 bxc5 18.♕xc5 ♗xf3 19.♗xf3



19...♗xb2?

19...♖c8 20.♕xc8 ♕xc8 21.♖xc8 ♖xc8 22.b3 ♖c2 23.a4±

20.♖ed1 ♕c8?

20...♕b8 21.♗xa8 ♗xc1 22.♗f3 ♗b2 23.♕xa5 ♗f6±

21.♗xa8 ♗xc1 22.♕xc8 ♖xc8 23.♗b7 1-0

19**. [A30]**
Radovanovic, Mihajlo (2379) - Yermolinsky, Alex (2506)
Beograd 2015 [Radovanovic,Mihajlo]

1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘f6 3.g3 b6 4.♗g2 ♗b7 5.O-O g6 6.♘c3 ♗g7 7.d4 cxd4 8.♕xd4 d6 9.♖d1 ♘bd7 10.♗e3 O-O 11.♕h4 ♖c8 12.♖ac1 a6 13.b3 ♖e8

13...♖c7 14.♗h6 (14.g4 ♖c8! 15.♗h3 b5 16.cxb5 ♕a5 17.♗d2 ♗xf3 18.exf3 axb5⇄) (14.♗h3 ♕b8 15.g4 e6 16.g5 ♘e8±) 14...♕a8 15.♘e1 ♖fc8 (15...♗xh6 16.♕xh6) 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♕d4 b5 18.♗xb7 ♕xb7 19.♘d5 e5 20.♕d2 ♘xd5 21.♕xd5 ♕xd5 22.♖xd5 ♖c6N 23.♖cd1 bxc4 24.♖xd6 1/2-1/2 (24) Leiva,G (2384) -Cruz, C (2553) Peru (ch) 127/(19) 2016

14.♗h3 ♖b8?!

14...♗a8!? 15.g4 - 127/(19) (15.♘e1N ♖b8 16.♘d3 b5 17.♗g2 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 bxc4 19.♕xc4 ♕c8 20.♘a4 ♕b7+ 21.♕c6 ♘g4∞ Pantsulaia,L (2598) -Javakhishvili,L (2486) Georgia (ch) 127/(19) 2016) 15...b5 16.g5 (16.cxb5 ♕a5 17.♗d2 ♗xf3 18.exf3 ♘e5∞) 16...♘h5 17.c5 ♖c7 18.♘e4?!N (18.b4∞) 18...d5 19.♘c3 ♘xc5 (19...♗xc3 20.♖xc3 e5↑) 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.♖xc5 e6 22.♖xc7 ♕xc7∞ Chow,S (2301) -Illingworth,M (2517) Australia (ch) 127/(19) 2016

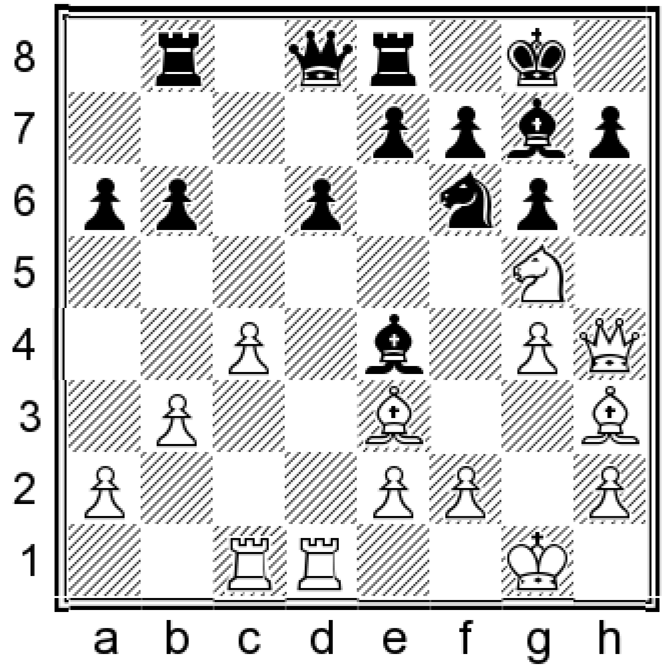
15.g4

15.♘d5 - 70/(32)15.♗d4 - 101/(13)

15...♘e4?N

15...h5 - 127/(19) 16.g5N (16.gxh5 ♘xh5 17.♘g5↑) 16...♘h7 17.♘d5 e6 18.♘c3 ♕c7 19.♕g3± Shengelia,D (2579) - Hjartarson,J (2529) Reykjavik 127/(19) 2015⌓15...♘c5

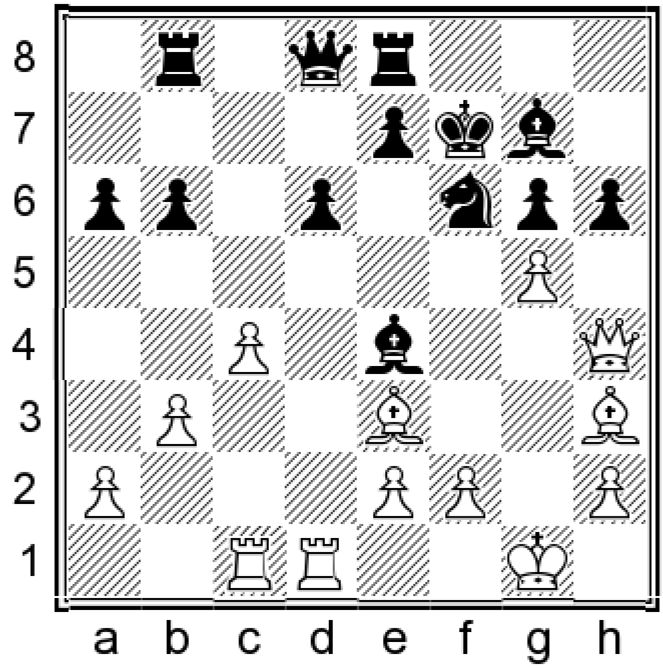
16.♘xe4 ♗xe4 17.♘g5 ♘f6



18.♘xf7!

18.♘xe4 ♘xe4 19.♗g2 ♘c3 20.♖d2 b5 21.c5 ♕a5⇄

18...♔xf7 19.g5 h6



19...h5 20.gxf6 exf6 21.♕g3 ♗f8 22.b4±

20.♗e6+!?

20.gxf6 exf6 21.♕g3 ♗f8 (21...♖e5 22.♖d2 ♕c7 23.♖cd1 ♗f8 24.♗f4+-) 22.♗f4±

20...♔xe6 21.gxf6 ♗xf6 22.♕xe4+ ♔f7 23.♗xh6 ♖h8 24.♗f4 ♕c8 25.♗g3 ♕e6

25...♕f5 26.♕d5+ ♔g7 27.♕g2±

26.♕f3 ♖h5 27.♖d5 ♖bh8 28.♖cd1 b5 29.cxb5

29.♖xh5 ♖xh5 30.♖d5 bxc4 31.bxc4 ♖h8 32.♕d3±

29...axb5 30.e3 b4?

30...♔g7 31.♖xh5 (31.e4 b4 32.♖c1 ♖c8 33.♖xc8 ♖xd5 34.exd5 ♕xc8 35.♕e4±) 31...♖xh5 32.♖c1 ♖d5 33.♖c2±

31.♖xh5 gxh5

31...♖xh5 32.♕b7+- ×d6, b4

32.♖d4!+- d5 33.h4 1-0

20*. [A33]
Howell, David (2685) - Jumabayev, Rinat (2607)
Tallinn (rapid)2016 [Tadic,Branko]

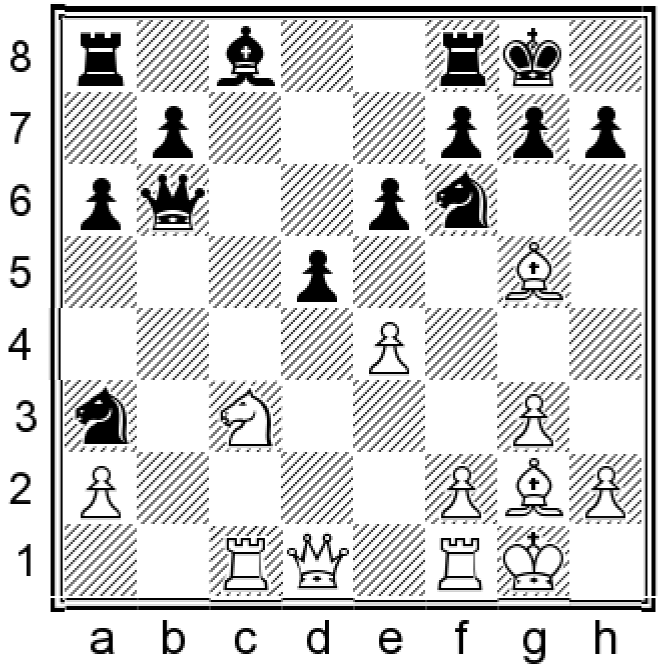
1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.g3 ♕b6 7.♘db5 ♘e5 8.♗g2 a6 9.♘a3

9.♕a4 ♖b8 10.♘a3 (10.♗e3 - 104/(161)) 10...♗xa3 11.♕xa3 ♘xc4 12.♕b3 ♕xb3 13.axb3 ♘e5 14.♗f4 d6 15.O-O-O ♔e7 16.♖xd6 ♘g6N (16...♔xd6) 17.♖d8 ♖xd8 18.♗xb8 ♗d7 19.♗a7 ♖c8 20.♔b1 ♗c6= Grandelius, N (2635) - Ragger,M (2689) Gibraltar 127/(20) 2016

9...♗xa3 10.bxa3 ♘xc4 11.O-O O-O 12.♗g5 d5 13.♖c1 ♘xa3N

13...♖d8 - 86/(20)

14.e4



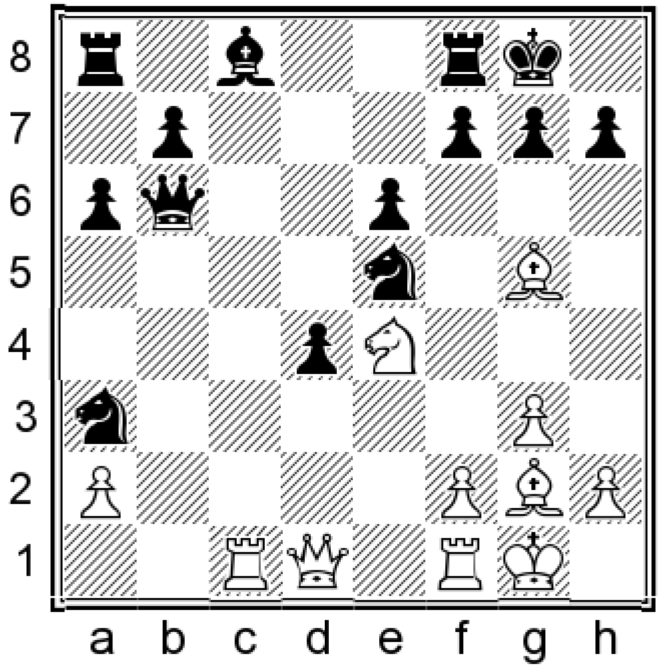
14...d4?!

14...♘b5! 15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.exd5 (16.♕h5 ♘xc3 17.♖xc3 d4 (17...dxe4?! 18.♗xe4 f5 19.♕g5+ ♔h8 20.♕f6+ ♔g8 21.g4! ♕d8 22.♕h6 f6 (22...fxe4 23.♖h3 ♖e8 24.♕xh7+ ♔f8 25.♕h6+ ♔e7 26.♕g5+ ♔d6 27.♖d1++-) 23.gxf5 ♖f7 24.♖d3 ♕f8 25.♕d2 ♗d7 26.♗xb7 (26.♖xd7? ♕g7+∓) 26...♖b8 27.♗xa6±) 18.e5 (18.♖f3 ♕b5! (18...e5? 19.♕h6→ Δ g4) 19.♕h6 ♕g5∓) 18...fxe5 19.♕g5+ ♔h8 20.♕f6+ ♔g8 21.♕g5+ ♔h8=) 16...♘xc3 17.♖xc3 exd5 18.♕xd5 ♗e6 19.♕h5⯹

15.e5! ♘d7

15...dxc3 16.exf6 e5 17.fxg7 ♖e8 18.♖xc3 ♘b5 19.♖c4↑

16.♘e4 ♘xe5?



16...♘b5 17.♗e7 (17.a4 ♘c3 18.♘xc3 dxc3 19.♗e7±) 17...♖e8 (17...♘xe5 18.♗xf8 ♔xf8 19.a4 ♘a7 (19...♘c7 20.a5+-)

20.♕h5+-) 18.♘d6 ♘xd6 19.♗xd6±

17.♘f6+!+- gxf6

17...♔h8 18.♕h5 h6 19.♗xh6 gxf6 20.♗xf8+ ♔g8 21.♕h6+-

18.♗xf6 ♘g6

18...♕b5 19.♕h5 ♕d3 20.♕xe5+-

19.♕h5 e5 20.♖c6!

20.♗c6!+-

20...♕d8

20...bxc6 21.♕h6+-

21.♕h6

21.♗xd8 ♖xd8 22.♖cc1+-

21...♕xf6 22.♖xf6 ♗g4 23.♗d5 ♗e2 24.♖xg6+ hxg6 25.♕xg6+ ♔h8 26.♕h6+ ♔g8 27.♗e4 1-0

21. [A33]
Sethuraman, SP. (2639) - Pratyusha, Bodda (2278)
Gibraltar 2016 [Stamenkovic,Zoran]

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.g3 ♘e5 7.♘db5 ♕b6 8.♗g2 a6 9.♘a4!? ♕a5+ 10.♘bc3 ♘xc4 11.O-O d5 12.b3 ♘b6

12...♘e5!?

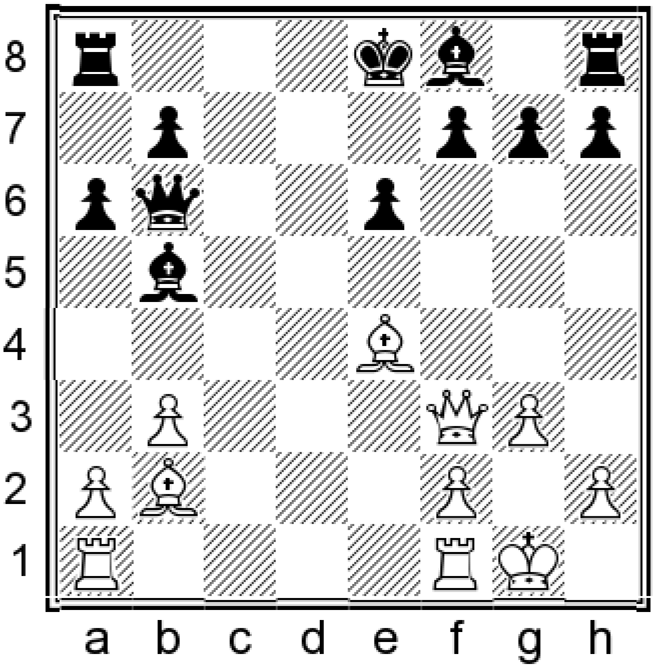
13.♘xb6 ♕xb6 14.e4 ♘xe4

14...♗b4!? 15.♘a4 ♕b5 16.exd5 O-O±

15.♘xe4 dxe4 16.♗b2 ♗d7

16...f5 17.♕h5+ g6 18.♕h3±16...e5 17.♗xe4 (17.♗xe5 ♗f5 18.♕b1 ♕g6 19.♖e1±) 17...♗d6 18.♕h5!?↑

17.♗xe4 ♗b5 18.♕f3!



18...♖d8?!N

18...f5? 19.♗xf5! O-O-O 20.♖fc1+ ♗c6 21.♗e4+-18...♗xf1 19.♗xb7 ♗e2 20.♕c6+ ♕xc6 21.♗xc6+ ♔d8 22.♗xa8±18...♗c5 19.♗xg7 ♖g8 20.♗f6 ♗xf1 21.♗xh7 ♖f8 22.♖xf1↑

19.♖fd1 ♖xd1+

19...♗e7 20.♗xg7 ♖g8 21.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 22.♗b2±

20.♖xd1 ♗c6 21.♖e1 ♗d7?

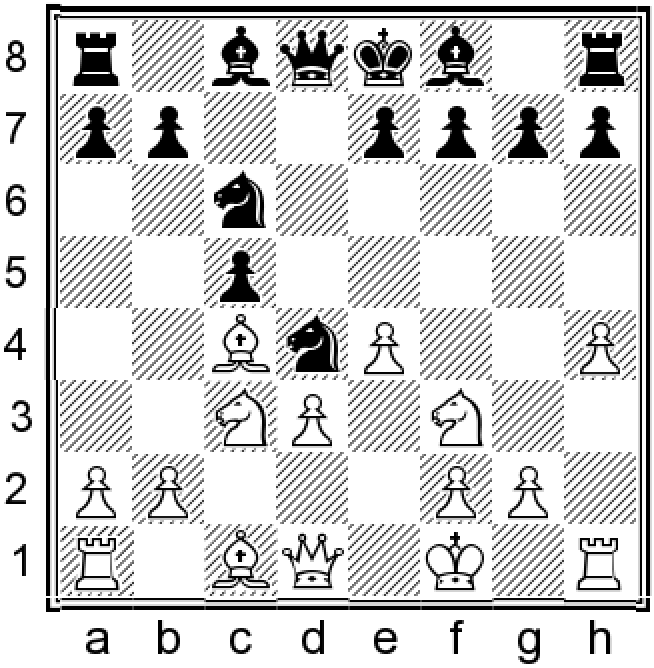
21...♗xe4 22.♖xe4 ♕c6 23.♕e2±21...♗b4 22.♖e2 ♗b5 (22...O-O 23.♗xc6 bxc6 24.♕g4 g6 25.♕f4+-) 23.♖c2 O-O 24.a4 ♗e8 25.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 26.♕h5+ ♔g8 27.♗xg7! f6□ (27...♔xg7 28.♕g5+ ♔h8 29.♖c4+-) 28.♕h8+ ♔f7 29.♗xf8 ♗xf8 30.♖c8±

22.♗xb7+-

22.* [A34]
Aronian, Levon (2788) - Topalov, Veselin (2803)
London 2015 [Martin,Andrew]

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘b4 6.♗c4 ♘d3+ 7.♔e2 ♘f4+ 8.♔f1 ♘e6 9.b4!

9.d3 ♘c6 10.h4 ♘ed4



11.♘xd4N (11.♘b5 ♘xb5 12.♗xb5 ♕b6 13.♗a4 ♗d7 14.♗e3 e6 15.b4 ♘xb4 16.♗xd7+ ♔xd7 17.♘e5+ ♔e8 18.♕a4+ (18.♖b1 ♕a6 19.♕h5 g6 20.♕f3 f5 21.♖xb4 cxb4 22.exf5 ♗d6 23.♘c4 ♗e7 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.♕g4 ♖g8 26.h5 (26.♔g1 ♖d8 27.♕e4 ♕c6∓) 26...♖d8 27.♗d4 ♕a4∓ ∆ Rd4) 18...♘c6 19.♘xc6 ♕xc6 20.♕xc6+ bxc6 21.♖b1 ♗d6 22.♖b7 ♖b8 23.♖xb8+ ♗xb8 24.♗xc5±) 11...♘xd4 12.♘e2 ♗g4?! (12...♘xe2 13.♕xe2 e6 14.h5 h6 15.♗e3± (15.♖h3!?↑ ∆ Rg3)) 13.f3 ♗e6 14.♗xe6 ♘xe6 15.♗e3 ♕d7 16.♔f2 ♖d8 17.b4↑ Palac,M (2561) -Claesen,P (2327) Belgique 127/(22) 2015

9...cxb4

9...g6 10.bxc5 ♗g7 11.♗a3 ♘c6 12.♖b1 O-O=

10.♘d5 g6 11.d4

11.♗b2 - 35/64

11...♗g7 12.♗e3 ♘c6 13.♖c1N

13.♕d2

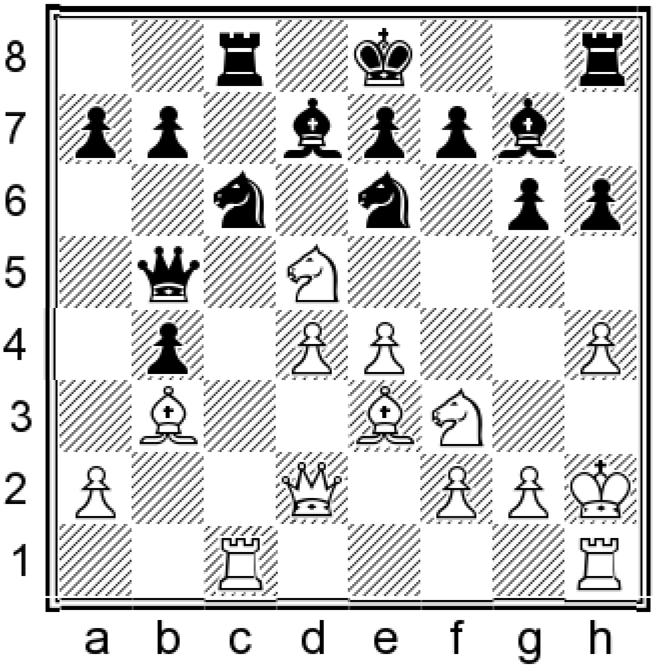
13...♗d7

13...O-O 14.h4 ♘a5 15.♗e2 f5 16.♕d3 b6 17.h5 ♗b7 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.exf5 gxf5 20.♘f4 ♕d6 21.♖h4 ♗e4 22.♕d2 ♖ac8 23.♘xe6 ♖xc1+ 24.♕xc1 ♕xe6 25.♘g5 ♕xa2 26.♘xe4 fxe4 27.♖xe4 b3 28.♗c4+ ♘xc4 29.♕xc4+ ♔h7 30.♖h4+ ♔g6 31.♔g1!→ Szuhanek,Ranko

14.♕d2 ♕a5 15.h4 ♖c8

15...O-O 16.h5 ♖fe8 17.hxg6 (17.♗h6 b3!⇄) 17...hxg6 18.♗h6 b3! 19.♕e3→

16.♗b3 ♕b5+ 17.♔g1 h6 18.♔h2

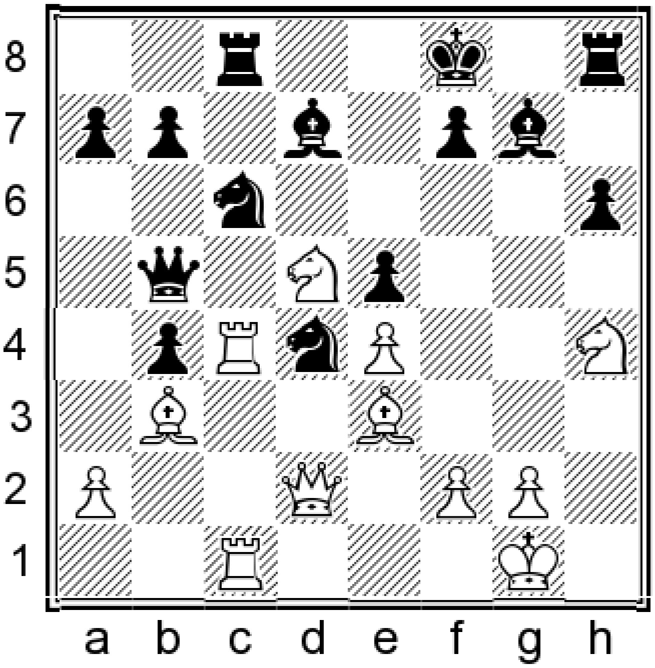


18...g5! 19.♖hd1 ♔f8

19...g4 20.♘e5 (20.♗c4 ♕a5 21.♘e5 ♘xe5 22.dxe5 ♗xe5+ 23.g3 ♖d8 24.♘xb4 ♗a4 25.♘d3 ♕xd2 26.♖xd2 ♗d4∓) 20...♘xe5 21.dxe5 (21.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 22.dxe5 ♗xe5+ 23.g3 ♕a5 (23...♗d6 24.♘f6++-) 24.♘xb4 ♗d6 25.♕c3 O-O 26.♘d5 ♕xc3 27.♘xc3 ♘c5 28.♗c2 ♔g7 29.♘b5 b6 30.♘xd6 exd6 31.♖xd6±) 21...♗xe5+ 22.♔g1 ♖xc1 23.♕xc1 ♕c6 24.♕d2 b6 (24...♗c3 25.♕d3 g3 26.fxg3 ♘c5 27.♗xc5 ♕xc5+ 28.♔h2 ♗e5 29.♘b6 ♗d6 30.♗xf7+ ♔d8 31.♘c4 ♗a4 32.♖c1+-) 25.♘xb4 ♕d6 26.♘d3 f6 27.♕e1!± Szuhanek,Ranko

20.♔g1 ♖d8

20...gxh4 21.♘xh4 ♘exd4 22.♖c4 e5 23.♖dc1



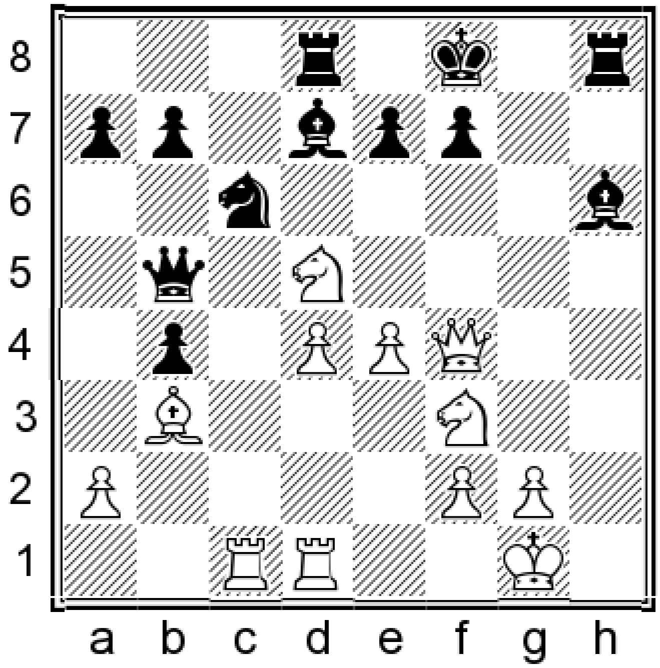
23...♘xb3 (23...♖d8 24.♗xd4 ♘xd4 (24...exd4 25.♘g6+! fxg6 26.♖c5 ♕xc5 (26...♕a6 27.♖xc6 bxc6 28.♕xb4++-) 27.♕f4+ ♗f5 28.♖xc5 ♗e5 29.♕f3+-) 25.♖xd4 ♗e6 (25...exd4 26.♕f4 ♔g8 27.♘f6+ ♗xf6 28.♕xf6 ♖h7 29.♕xd8++-)

26.♖xb4 ♕d7 27.♖bc4+-) 24.axb3 ♖d8 25.♖c5 ♕a6 26.♘f5! (26.♘xb4 ♘xb4 27.♕xb4 ♔g8 28.♖d5 ♗f6 29.♖cd1 ♔g7 30.♖xd7 ♗xh4 31.♕c3 ♗f6 32.♗c5±) 26...♗xf5 27.exf5 ♕a3 (27...♔g8 28.♕d1!! ♘d4 29.♗xd4 exd4 30.♕g4 ♖xd5 31.♖xd5 ♕f6 32.♕e4+-) 28.♕c2 ♖d6 29.♖b5 ♔g8 30.♖xb7 ♕a6 31.♕c5 ♗f8 32.♖c4!! h5 33.♖c7 ♘b8 34.♖xa7 ♕c6 35.♕xb4+- Szuhanek, Ranko

21.hxg5 hxg5 22.♗xg5 ♘xg5?

22...♗e8! 23.♗e3 ♖d6!

23.♕xg5 ♗h6 24.♕h4± ♗g7 25.♕f4 ♗h6



25...♗e8 26.♖c5 ♕e2 27.♘c7 ♘xd4 28.♘xd4 ♖xd4 29.♘e6+ ♔g8 30.♘xd4 ♗xd4 31.♖f5 ♔g7 32.e5 ♗c5 33.♕g3+ ♔f8 34.e6+-

26.♘g5

26.♕h2! ♗e8 (26...♖e8 27.♘c7) (26...♗g4 27.♖xc6! ♕xc6 28.♕e5 ♖g8 29.♕xe7+ ♔g7 30.♘e5 ♕e6 31.♘xg4+- ♕xg4 32.♘f6) 27.♖c5 ♕e2 28.♘f4 ♕b2 29.♖f5+-

26...♗xg5 27.♕xg5 1-0

23.* [A34]
Lalic, Bogdan (2439) - Bridge, Neil A (2044)
Great Britain 2016 [Lalic,Bogdan]

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e5 4.e3 ♘f6 5.d4 cxd4

5...e4 6.♘e5 g6 7.g4!?∞

6.exd4 e4 7.♘e5 ♗b4 8.♗e2 ♕a5 9.O-O!?

9.♘xc6 - 102/(39)

9...♘xe5

9...♗xc3 10.bxc3 ♕xc3 11.♘xc6 dxc6 (11...♕xa1? 12.♕d2 dxc6 13.♗a3 ♕xf1+ 14.♔xf1 ♗e6 15.♕g5 O-O-O 16.d5!

cxd5 17.♕xg7 ♘d7 18.cxd5 ♗xd5 19.♗e7 ♖de8 20.♕d4±) 12.♖b1=∞

10.dxe5 ♕xe5 11.♗d2=∞ ♗e7

11...O-O? 12.♘xe4!±11...a5 12.a3 ♗e7 13.♖e1 O-O 14.♗f3⩲11...♗c5 12.♘b5 O-O 13.b4 ♗e7 (13...♗d4 14.♘xd4 ♕xd4 15.♗f4↑) 14.f4!? ♕b8 15.f5 ♗d6N (15...d6) 16.♘xd6 ♕xd6 17.♗c3 ♕e7 18.♕d4 b6 (18...d5 19.g4 dxc4 20.♖ad1↑) 19.a4 ♗b7 20.a5↑ Radovanovic,M (2348) -Todorovic,N (2273) Knic 127/(23) 2015

12.♕c1N

12.g312.♘b5

12...O-O 13.♗f4 ♕a5

13...♕f5!?

14.♖d1

14.♘b5 d5! 15.♘c7 ♗e6 16.♘xa8 ♖xa8=∞

14...d6

14...b614...♗c5

15.♘b5 ♗g4!? 16.♕e3?!

16.♗xg4 ♘xg4 17.♘xd6 ♗xd6 18.♗xd6⩲

16...a6?!

16...d5!⩱ 17.♗xg4 (17.cxd5? ♗c5∓) 17...♘xg4 18.♕e2 dxc4 19.♘d6 (19.♘c7? ♕f5! 20.♘xa8 ♕xf4 21.g3 ♕f5 22.♘c7 ♗c5-+) 19...♘f6⩱

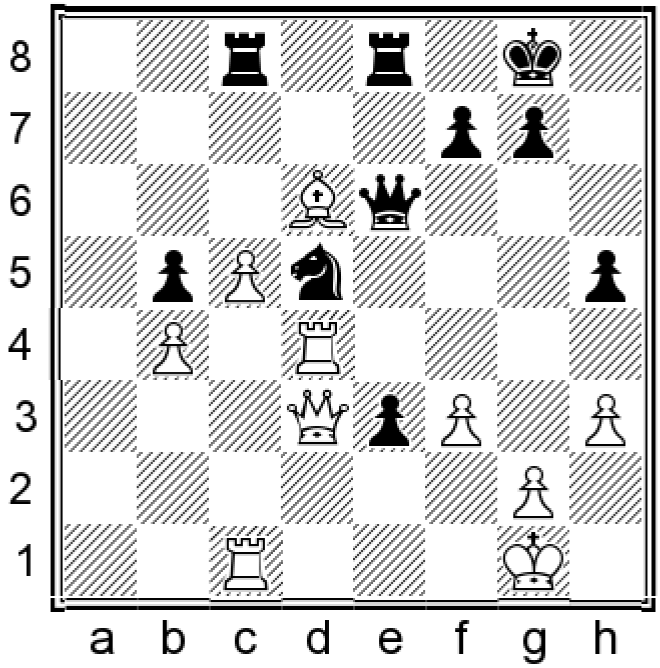
17.♘xd6

17.♗xd6 ♗xd6 18.♘xd6 ♕e5 19.f3!?↑

17...♗xe2 18.♕xe2 ♗xd6 19.♗xd6 ♖fe8 20.a4⩲ ♕f5 21.b4 ♖ac8 22.♖ac1 h5 23.h3 ♕e6 24.♖d4 e3⇄ 25.f3! b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.c5 ♘d5?

⌓27...♖a8! 28.♕d3 ♕a2 29.♔h2 ♕b2 30.♖b1 ♕a2 31.♖e1 ♖a3⩲

28.♕d3?



28.♕xb5! e2 (28...♘c3 29.♕d3 e2 30.♖e1 ♕e3+ 31.♕xe3 ♖xe3 32.♗f4 ♖e6 33.♖c4 ♘b5 34.♔f2+-) 29.♖e4 ♘c3 30.♖xe6 ♘xb5 31.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 32.♔f2 ♘d4 33.♔e1+-

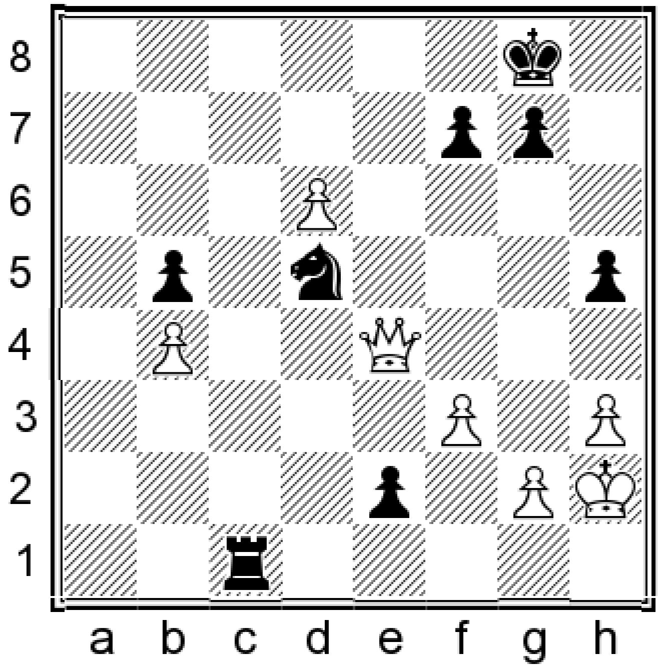
28...♕xd6!

28...♘f6?! 29.♖e1+-

29.cxd6 ♖xc1+ 30.♔h2 e2 31.♖e4??

31.♕xe2?? ♖xe2 32.d7 ♘e3! 33.d8=Q+ ♔h7 34.♖g4 hxg4 35.♕d3+ f5 36.♕xe2 ♘f1+-+31.d7! e1=Q (31...♖h1+?? 32.♔xh1 e1=Q+ 33.♔h2 ♕e5+ 34.f4+-) 32.dxe8=Q+ ♕xe8 33.♖xd5 ♕b8+ 34.g3 ♖c8 35.♖xb5 ♕a7 36.♕d2 h4 37.gxh4 ♕e7 38.♖d5 ♕xh4 39.b5±

31...♖xe4 32.♕xe4□



32.d7? e1=Q 33.d8=Q+ ♖e8-+

32...♘f4??⊕

32...e1=Q?? 33.♕xe1 ♖xe1 34.d7+-32...♘c3? 33.♕e8+ ♔h7 34.d7 ♖d1 35.♕e3 ♖xd7 36.♕xc3 ♖e7 37.♕e1 f6 38.f4±32...♘e3!!-+ 33.♕e8+ ♔h7 34.d7 e1=Q 35.d8=Q ♕g1+ 36.♔g3 ♕xg2+ 37.♔f4 ♘d5+ 38.♕xd5 ♕h2+ 39.♔f5 ♕xh3+ 40.♔f4 ♕h4+

33.d7 ♖d1 34.g3 ♘e6 35.♕xe2 ♖xd7 36.♕xb5 ♖d2+ 37.♔g1 ♖d1+

⌓37...g6

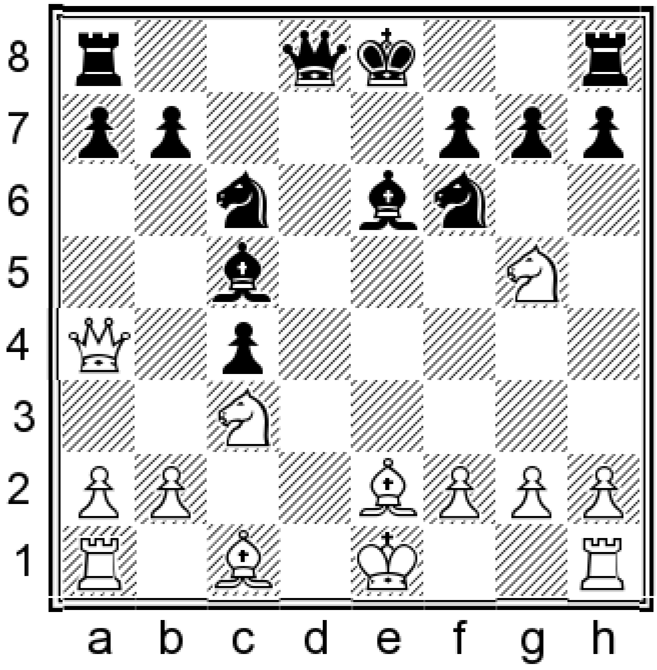
38.♔f2 ♖d2+? 39.♔e3 ♖d8 40.♕xh5+- g6 41.♕a5 ♖e8 42.♔f2 ♘d4 43.♕c5 ♘e6 44.♕c4 1-0

24. !N [A34]
Grigoriants, Sergey (2580) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2787)
Gibraltar 2016 [Stamenkovic,Zoran]

1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e5 4.e3 ♘f6 5.♗e2 d5 6.d4 exd4 7.exd4 ♗e6 8.dxc5?!

8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.O-O ♗e7 10.dxc5 ♘xc3 11.bxc3 ♕xd1 12.♖xd1 ♗xc5 13.♘g5± - 116/14

8...dxc4 9.♕a4 ♗xc5 10.♘g5



10...♕b6!N

10...♗d7 - 89/18

11.O-O ♗d7 12.♕xc4 ♘e5 13.♕f4

13.♕b3 O-O 14.♕xb6 ♗xb6 15.♘f3=

13...♘g6 14.♕d2?!

14.♕c4 O-O 15.♘ge4 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♗e7 (16...♖ac8 17.♘xc5 ♖xc5 18.♕b3 ♗b5=) 17.♘c3 ♖ac8 18.♕b3=

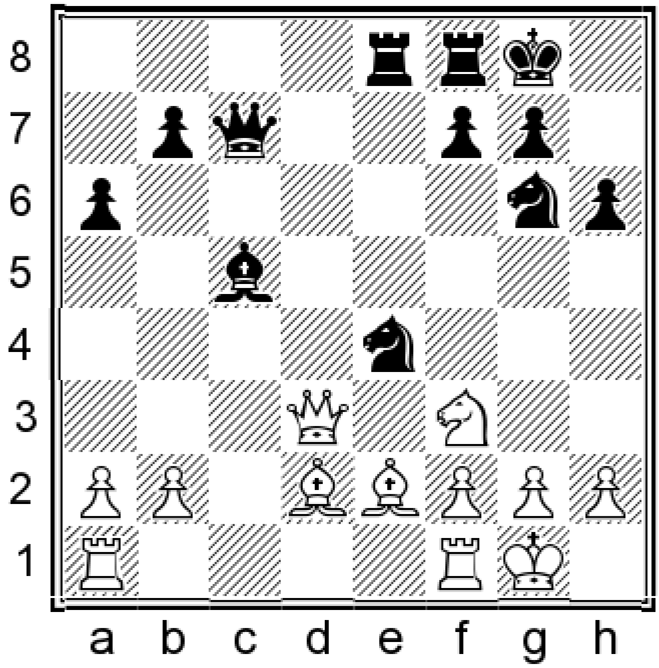
14...♗c6! 15.♕c2

15.♗d1 O-O 16.♘a4 ♗xa4 17.♗xa4 ♘e5↑

15...O-O 16.♘a4 ♗xa4 17.♕xa4 ♖ae8!?

17...♖ad8 18.♘e4 ♘xe4 19.♕xe4 ♖fe8 20.♕c2 ♘h4↑

18.♕b5 h6 19.♘f3 ♕c7 20.♗d2 a6 21.♕d3 ♘e4



22.b4

22.♗e3?! ♘xf2! 23.♗xf2 ♘f4 24.♕d1 ♖xe2-+22.♖ad1 ♕b6∓22.♗d1 ♖e7 23.♗e3 ♖d8 24.♕c2 ♗xe3 25.♕xc7 ♗xf2+ 26.♖xf2 ♖xc7∓

22...♘xd2 23.♕xd2 ♗xb4 24.♕xb4 ♖xe2∓ 25.♖ac1 ♕e7 26.♕xe7 ♖xe7 27.a4 ♖e4 28.♖c7 ♖b8 29.♖a1 ♘f4 30.a5 ♘e6 31.♖d7 ♘c5 32.♖d5 ♖c4 33.h4 ♖c8 34.♖b1

34.g3 ♘e4 35.♖e1 ♖b4 36.♖d4 (36.♖e5 ♘f6 37.♘d2 ♖c2 38.♘e4 ♘g4 39.♖f5 ♖bb2-+) 36...♖xd4 37.♘xd4 ♘d6∓

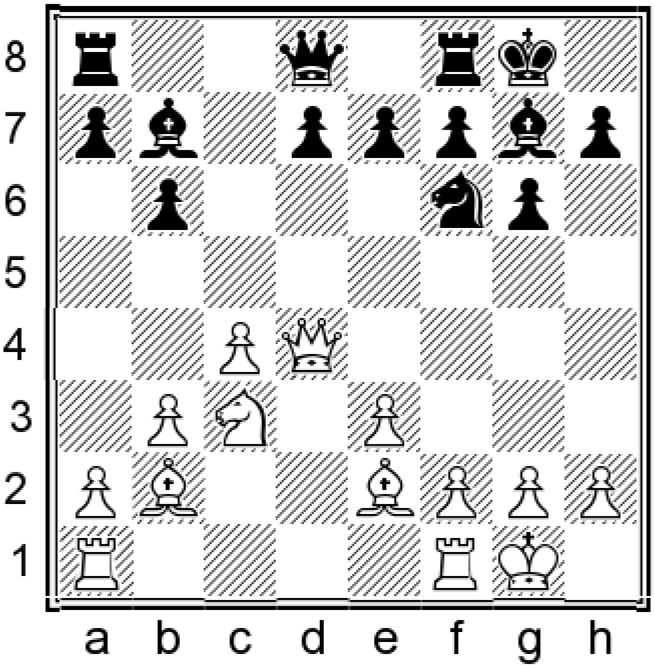
34...♖a4 35.♘e5 ♖xa5 36.♖c1

36.♘d3 ♘b3 37.♖d7 ♖b5-+

36...♖c7-+ 37.♖c4 b6 38.h5 ♘e6 39.♖xc7 ♖xd5 40.♖c8+ ♖d8 41.♖c6 ♖d1+ 42.♔h2 ♖d5 43.♖c8+ ♔h7 44.♘xf7 ♖xh5+ 45.♔g3 ♖d5 46.♖c6 ♘g5 47.♘xh6 gxh6 48.♖xb6 ♖d6! 0-1

25. [A35]
Nagy, Gabor (2403) - Mista, Aleksander (2567)
Hastings 2015 [Mista,Aleksander]

1.♘f3 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 c5 4.e3 ♘f6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♘xd4 O-O 7.♗e2 ♘c6 8.O-O b6 9.b3 ♗b7 10.♗b2 ♘xd4 11.♕xd4



11.exd4 - 13/679

11...d5! 12.♕h4

12.♘xd5? ♘e8! 13.♕d2 e6-+12.♖ad1 ♘e4 13.♕d3 dxc4 14.♕b1 ♘xc3 15.♗xc3 ♕c7 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♗xc4 ♖fd8=

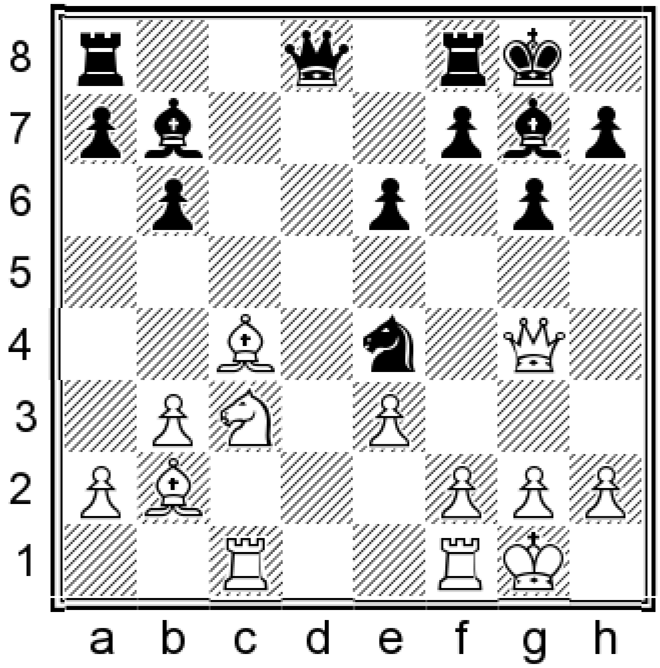
12...e6N

12...♘e4?! 13.♘xe4 ♗xb2? 14.♘g5 h5 15.♗xh5! ♔g7 16.♗xg6 ♔xg6 (16...♖h8 17.♕g4!+-) 17.♕h7+ ♔xg5 18.f4+ ♔f6 19.♕h6+ ♔f5 20.g4+ ♔e4 21.♕h3+-12...dxc4 13.♖fd1 ♕c7 14.♗xc4 ♖ad8∞

13.♖ac1 dxc4

13...♘e4 14.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 15.cxd5=

14.♗xc4 ♘e4 15.♕g4



15.♕xd8? ♖fxd8 16.♘xe4 ♗xb2 17.♖c2 ♗a3∓

15...b5! 16.♗xb5 ♕a5 17.♘xe4

17.b4 ♕xb4 18.♘xe4 ♕xb2 (18...♗xb2?? 19.♘f6++-) 19.♘d6 ♗d5∓

17...♗xb2 18.♗c6?

18.♖c2? ♕xb5 19.♖xb2 (19.♘d6 ♕d3 20.♕d1 ♗a6∓) 19...♕e5-+18.♖c5! ♕b6 19.b4 a5 20.♗c4! axb4 (20...f5? 21.♕e2+-) 21.♖b5 ♕c7 22.♖xb4 ♗e5 23.♕h4 ♗xe4 24.♕xe4 ♗xh2+ 25.♔h1∞

18...♗xc1 19.♗xb7 ♖ab8 20.♖xc1 ♖xb7 21.♘f6+?! ♔g7 22.♕d4? e5-+ 23.♕h4 ♖b6?!

23...♕d8 24.♕xh7+ ♔xf6 25.♖c6+ ♔e7 26.♕h4+ ♔e8-+

24.♘e4 ♖c6 25.♖f1 ♕b4 26.a3 ♕xa3 27.g4 f5 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.♘g5 h6 30.♘f3 ♖g6+ 31.♔h1 ♕c5 32.♖d1 ♕c6 33.e4 ♕xe4 34.♖d7+ ♔g8 35.♕xe4 fxe4 36.♘xe5 ♖g5 0-1

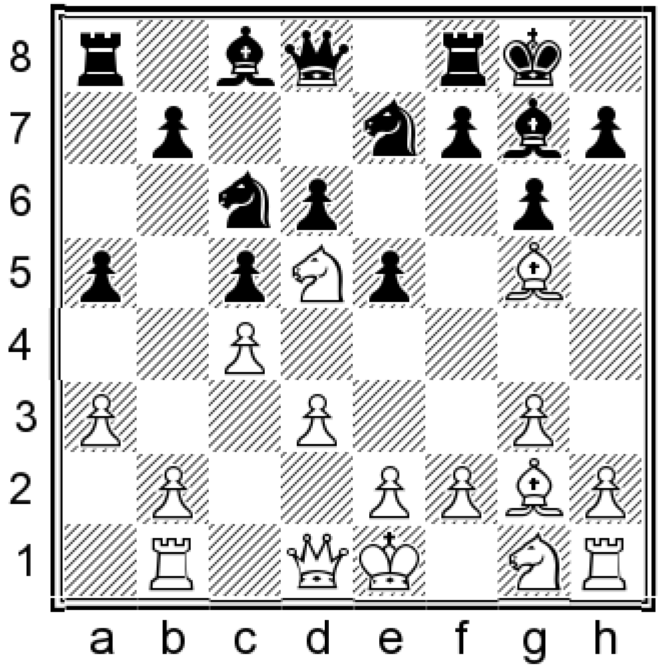
26. [A36]
So, Wesley (2773) - Giri, Anish (2798)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Tadic,Branko]

1.c4 g6 2.♘c3 c5 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 ♘c6 5.a3 d6 6.♖b1 a5 7.d3 e5 8.♘d5

8.e3 - 106/(24)

8...♘ce7

8...♘ge7 9.♗g5 O-O



10.♘f6+! (10.h4 f6 (10...h6 11.♘f6+! (11.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 12.♗d2 ♘c6 13.♕c1 ♔h7∞) 11...♔h8 12.♘f3± - 10.Nf6) 11.♗d2 ♗g4∞) 10...♔h8 11.h4 h6 12.♘f3! ♘f5 (12...d5 13.h5!?↑) (12...a4 13.♘d2 (∆ Nde4↑) 13...♘d4 14.♘de4 ♕b6 15.h5 ♘ef5 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.g4) 13.♘h7! hxg5 14.hxg5 ♔g8 15.♘d2 ♘h6! (15...♖e8?! 16.♘e4 ♖e6 17.e3 ∆ Qf3, g4->) 16.gxh6 ♔xh7 17.hxg7+ ♔xg7 18.♘e4±

9.♘c3 ♘c6 10.e4 ♘ge7 11.♘ge2 O-O 12.O-O ♗d7

12...f5 - 47/(64)

13.♗d2 h6N

13...♔h8

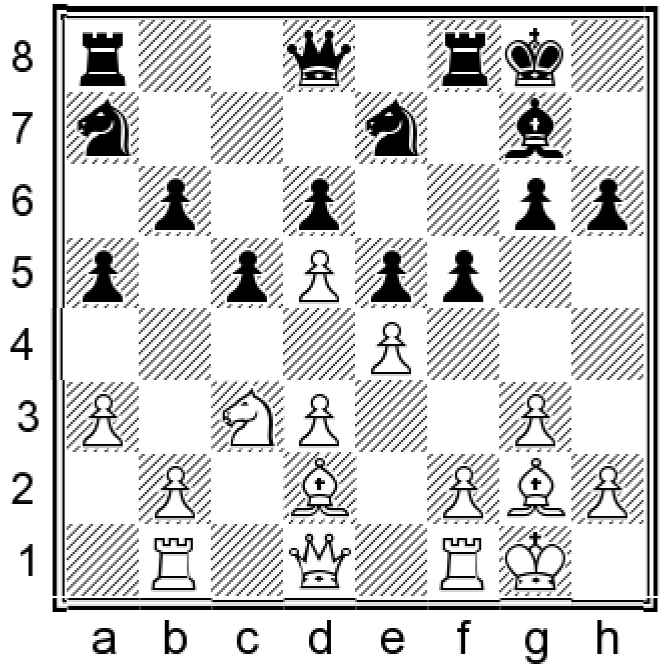
14.♘b5 ♗e6 15.♘ec3 b6

15...♘d4 16.♘xd4 cxd4 17.♘b5±

16.♘d5 ♗xd5?!

16...♘d4 17.♘dc7 ♘xb5 (17...♖b8 18.♘xd4 ♕xc7 19.♘xe6 fxe6 20.♗h3 ♕d7 21.b4↑) 18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.cxb5±16...♗c8!?

17.cxd5 ♘a7 18.♘c3 f5



18...b5 19.b4 cxb4 20.axb4 a4 21.♗e3 ♕d7 22.♕d2 ♔h7 23.f4±

19.h4! f4

19...b5 20.♘e2 b4 21.f4 ♘b5 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.♗e3±

20.♗h3 b5 21.♘e2

21.gxf4!? exf4 22.♘e2 ♗e5 23.f3 ♘ec8 24.♗e1 ♗f6 25.h5 g5 26.d4±

21...f3

21...♔h8 22.gxf4 ♘g8 23.♔g2!? ♕xh4 24.f5±

22.♘c1 h5 23.♘b3! a4

23...b4 24.a4± ∆ ♗g5, ♘d2

24.♘a1 b4?!

24...♔h8 25.♘c2 ♘g8 26.♘e1 ♕f6 27.♗g5 ♕f7 28.♗e6 ♕e8 29.♘xf3+-

25.axb4 cxb4 26.♕xa4+- ♘ac6 27.♕d1 ♘d4 28.♘c2 ♘xc2

28...♘e2+ 29.♔h1 b3 30.♘e1 ♘d4 31.♗e3+-

29.♕xc2 ♖b8 30.♖fc1 ♖b7 31.♕b3 ♔h8 32.♖c4 ♘g8 33.♖xb4 ♖xb4 34.♕xb4 ♗f6 35.♖c1 ♕e7

35...♗xh4 36.♖c8 ♕e7 37.♖xf8 ♕xf8 38.gxh4+-

36.♕b6 ♗xh4 37.♖c7 1-0

27.* [A39]
Hammer, Jon Ludvig (2682) - Arakhamia Grant, Ketevan (2353)
London (rapid) 2015 [Arakhamia Grant,Ketevan]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 c5 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.g3 g6 5.♗g2 ♗g7 6.d4 cxd4 7.♘xd4 O-O 8.O-O ♕a5 9.e3

9.♘c2 - 125/19

9...a6

9...♘e5 - 119/(17)9...d6 10.♘b3N ♕h5 (10...♕b4!?) 11.♕xh5 ♘xh5 12.♗d2 ♘f6= Tomashevsky,E (2758) -Radjabov,T (2738) Berlin (blitz) 127/(27) 2015

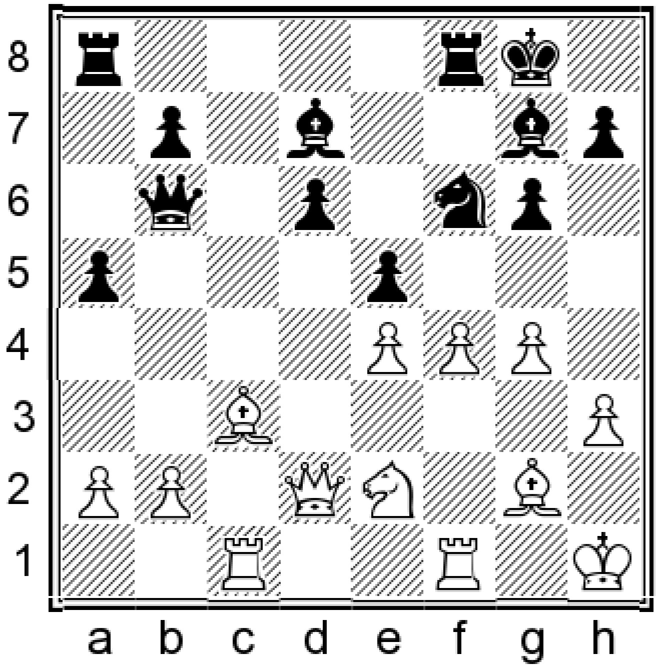
10.♗d2 ♕c7 11.♖c1N

11.♕e2

11...♘e5 12.♘d5 ♘xd5 13.cxd5 ♕b6 14.♗c3

14.♕b3 ♕xb3 15.axb3 d6 16.♖c7↑

14...d6 15.f4 ♘g4 16.♕d2 a5 17.h3 ♘f6 18.g4 ♗d7 19.e4?! e5 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.♔h1 e5 22.♘e2



22...♗c6 23.♕xd6?

23.♘g3 exf4 24.♖xf4 ♗h6 25.♖cf1 ♗xf4 26.♖xf4∞

23...♘xe4 24.♕e6+

24.♕a3 ♕e3 25.♗xe5 ♕xe2 26.♗xg7 ♔xg7 27.♖xc6 (27.♖ce1 ♕b5 28.♖xe4 ♗xe4 29.♕e7+ ♔h8 30.♕xe4 ♕xb2-+) 27...bxc6 28.♕e7+ ♖f7 29.♕e5+ ♔g8 30.♕xe4 ♕xe4 31.♗xe4∓

24...♔h8 25.♕b3

25.♗xe5 ♘g3+! (25...♖ae8 26.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 27.♖xc6 bxc6 28.♕d7+ ♔g8-+) 26.♘xg3 ♗xg2+-+

25...♕e3-+ 26.♖ce1

26.♗xe5 ♕xe2 27.♖fe1 ♕xg2+ 28.♔xg2 ♘c5+-+

26...♘c5 27.♘g1

27.♕a3 ♕xh3+!-+

27...♕xe1 28.♕c4

28.♖xe1 ♗xg2+ 29.♔xg2 ♘xb3 30.axb3 exf4-+

28...♗xg2+ 29.♔xg2 ♕e4+ 30.♕xe4 ♘xe4 31.f5 ♘xc3 32.bxc3 gxf5 33.gxf5 e4 34.♘e2 ♖ad8 35.♖f4 ♖d2 36.♖xe4 ♖xf5 37.♖e8+ ♖f8 38.♖e7 ♖xa2 39.♔g3 b5 40.♘f4 ♗f6 41.♖e6 a4 42.♘d5 ♗g7 43.h4 ♖d2 0-1

28.* [A40]
Ju, Wenjun (2548) - Short, Nigel D (2684)
Auckland 2016 [Arsovic,Goran]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 ♗b7 4.♗d3 ♗b4+ 5.♔f1

5.♗d2 - 120/22

5...c5N

5...♗e7 - 127/(28) 6.♘c3 d6 7.♘f3 ♘f6 8.h3 O-ON (8...♘bd7) (8...c5) 9.♕c2 h6 10.♔g1 a6 11.♔h2 b5 (11...e5 12.♗e3 ♘bd7 13.♖he1±) 12.b3 b4 13.♘e2 ♘bd7 14.♘g3 c5 15.d5 ♘e8 16.♗e3 ♗f6 17.♖ad1 a5 18.♕e2 ♗c3 19.♗b1 e5 20.♘f5 ♘df6 21.g4± Kotanjian,T (2489) -Bortnyk,O (2552) Yerevan 127/(28) 2016

6.a3 ♗a5 7.♘f3 ♘e7 8.♗f4

8.d5 b5 (8...O-O 9.♘bd2 d6 10.♘b3±) 9.♘c3 bxc4 10.♗xc4 O-O 11.♕d3±

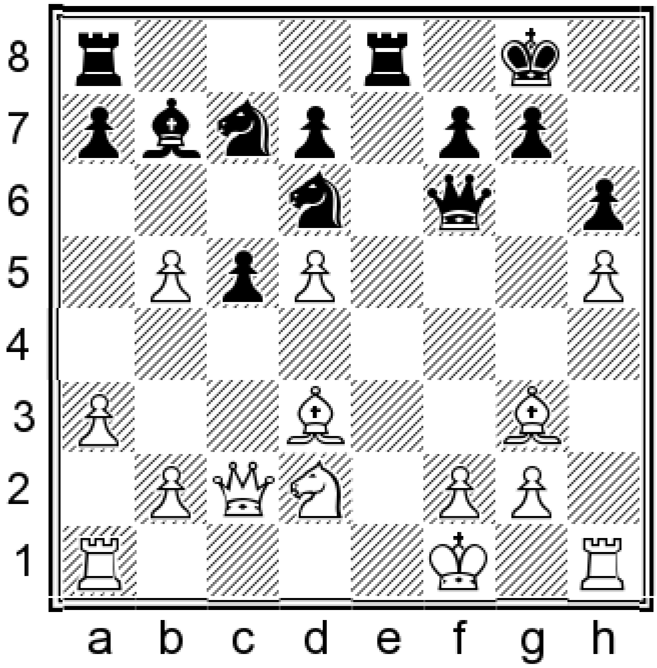
8...♘a6?!

8...d5! 9.exd5 exd5 10.♘c3 (10.♘bd2 ♗xd2 11.♕xd2 dxc4 12.♗xc4 cxd4 (12...♗xf3?! 13.gxf3 cxd4 14.♗g5 ♘bc6 15.♖g1↑) 13.♘xd4 O-O∞) 10...♗xc3 11.bxc3 dxc4 12.♗xc4 O-O∞

9.d5 O-O 10.♗d6 ♖e8 11.h4↑ ♘c8 12.♗g3 exd5 13.exd5 ♕f6 14.♕c2 h6 15.♘bd2± ♘d6 16.h5

16.♘b3±

16...♗xd2 17.♘xd2 b5 18.cxb5 ♘c7



19.♕c3! ♕g5

19...♕xc3 20.bxc3 ♘dxb5 (20...♘cxb5 21.c4+-) 21.c4+-

20.♗xd6+- ♕xd5 21.♘e4 ♘xb5

21...c4 22.♗xc4 ♕xe4 23.f3+-

22.♕c4

22.♗xb5 ♕xe4 23.f3 ♕d5 24.♗f4+-

22...♕xc4 23.♗xc4 ♘xa3 24.♗xf7+?!

24.♘f6+! gxf6 25.♖xa3+-

24...♔xf7 25.♘xc5 ♗xg2+?

25...♘c2 26.♖c1 ♗e4 27.♖h4 ♗h7 28.♖a4 a5 29.♖d1±

26.♔xg2 ♘c4 27.♗g3 ♘xb2 28.♘xd7 a5 29.♘e5+ ♔g8 30.♖hb1 1-0

29. [A48]
Malaniuk, Vladimir P (2482) - Grigoryan, Karen H (2606)
Rasht 2016 [Arsovic,Zoran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c3 ♗g7 4.♗g5 d6 5.♘bd2 h6 6.♗h4 g5 7.♗g3 ♘h5 8.e4 e6 9.♘c4

9.♗c4 - 125/21

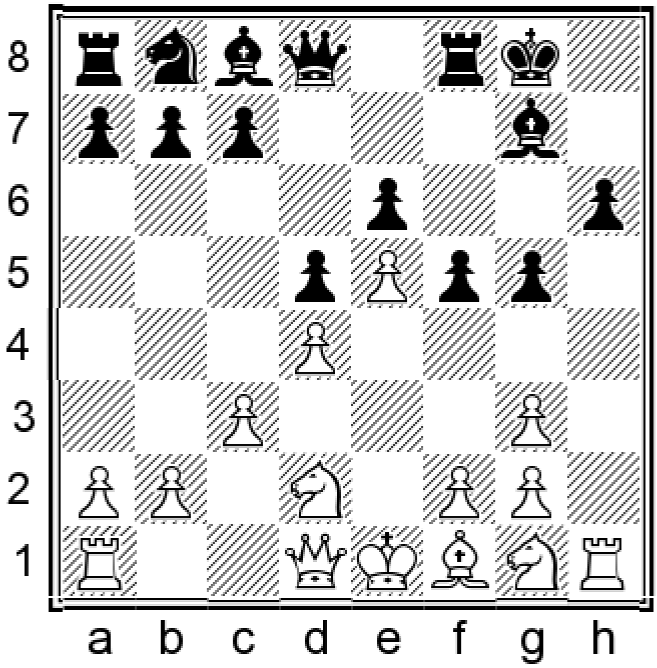
9...f5 10.e5N

10.♘fd2 ♘xg3 11.hxg3 fxe4 12.♕h5+ ♔e7 (12...♔f8 13.♘e3±) 13.♘e3 d5 14.O-O-O ♕e8∞

10...d5 11.♘cd2 O-O 12.♘g1?!

12.♘b3 b6 (12...f4 13.♘fd2 fxg3 14.hxg3 ♘f6 15.exf6 ♕xf6 16.♕f3∞) 13.♗e2 ♕e7∓ Δ c5

12...♘xg3 13.hxg3



13...c5! 14.dxc5 ♗xe5

14...♘d7! 15.♘gf3 ♘xc5 (15...g4 16.♘d4 ♘xe5 17.♕c2 ♘c6∓) 16.♘d4 ♗xe5 (16...♗d7∓) 17.♖xh6 ♗g7 18.♖h1 g4∓

15.♖xh6 ♗g7 16.♖h1 g4 17.♘b3 b6! 18.cxb6 ♕xb6 19.♘e2 a5=∞ 20.a4 e5 21.♘ec1 ♗e6 22.♗b5 ♘a6

22...♘d7 23.♘d3 (23.♗xd7?! ♗xd7 24.♕xd5+ ♗e6 25.♕b5 ♖fb8∓) 23...♖ac8=∞

23.♘d3 ♗f7 24.♕e2?!

24.♗d7 ♕f6 (24...♗e8 25.♗xe8 ♖axe8=∞) 25.♗b5 ♘c7↑

24...♘c7 25.♘dc5 ♖fd8 26.f3?!

26.♖h4 d4 27.♗c4 ♘d5 28.cxd4 exd4∓

26...♘xb5 27.♕xb5 ♖ab8

27...♕g6! 28.O-O-O d4 29.cxd4 ♖ab8 30.♕xa5 (30.♕d3 ♖b4-+) 30...exd4-+

28.♕xa5

28.♘xa5 ♕c7 29.♘ab7 ♖xb7 30.♘xb7 ♖b8-+

28...♕xa5 29.♘xa5 ♖xb2 30.♘c6 ♖e8-+ 31.a5 e4

31...e4 32.O-O-O ♖a2 33.♔b1 ♖a3-+0-1

A50-A99

30. [A50]
Urkedal, Frode Olav Olsen (2505) - Bartel, Mateusz (2624)
Reykjavik 2015 [Szuhanek, Ranko]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 b6 3.f3 ♘c6 4.♘c3

4.d5 - 110/31

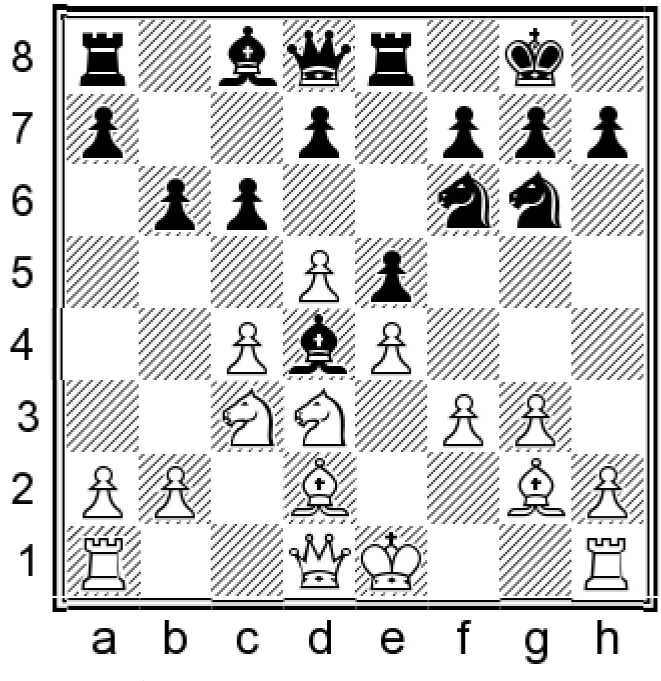
4...e5 5.d5 ♘e7 6.g3!?N

6.e4

6...♘g6 7.♘h3 ♗c5= 8.♘f2 O-O 9.♘d3

9.♗g2 c6 10.O-O ♗a6 11.♕a4 ♗b7 12.e4 a6 13.♕b3 b5 14.♔h1 bxc4 15.♕xc4 (15.♕xb7? ♖a7-+) 15...♗d4 16.dxc6 ♗xc6 17.♘d3 h6! (17...♕b8 18.♘b4 ♖c8 19.♘xc6 ♖xc6 20.♕d3 ♕b7∞) 18.♖d1 (18.♘b4 ♕b6 19.♘xc6 ♖ac8 20.♖b1 ♖xc6 21.♕d3 ♖fc8 22.♖d1 ♖d8 23.♗d2 ♘e7 24.b4 d5 25.a4 ♖cc8 26.♘xd5 ♘exd5 27.exd5 ♘xd5 28.♗f1 ♕f6 29.♕e4 ♖c3 30.♖bc1 ♖a3 31.a5 h5⇄) 18...♕b8 19.♘b4 ♖c8 20.♕b3 ♕d6 21.♘xc6 ♕xc6 22.♘e2=

9...♗d4 10.♗d2 ♖e8 11.♗g2 c6 12.e4



12.♕b3 a5 13.dxc6 dxc6 14.e3 (14.O-O-O ♗e6 15.♕a4 b5 16.cxb5 cxb5 17.♕xb5 ♕c7∓) 14...♗xc3 15.♕xc3 e4 16.fxe4 ♘xe4 17.♗xe4 ♖xe4 18.O-O c5∓12.d6 ♗a6 13.♕a4 ♕c8 14.♖c1 ♖e6 15.♘b5 ♗xb5 16.cxb5 c5 17.e3 e4 18.fxe4 ♗e5 19.b4 c4 20.O-O ♖xd6 21.♘xe5 ♘xe5 22.♗c3 ♕e8 23.♗xe5 ♕xe5 24.♖xc4 ♖d2∞

12...b5!∓ 13.cxb5 cxd5 14.♘xd5

14.exd5 ♗b7 15.♘f2 ♘xd5 16.O-O ♖c8 17.♘e4 ♕b6∓

14...♘xd5 15.exd5 ♗b7 16.♕b3 ♖c8

16...♘e7 17.♘b4 ♕b6 18.♗h3 ♕xb5∓

17.♘f2?!

17.♔d1! ♕f6 (17...♘e7 18.f4 exf4 19.♘xf4 ♕b6 20.♖c1 ♘f5 21.♖xc8 ♖xc8 22.♖e1 g6 23.a4=) 18.♖c1 ♕f5 19.♖xc8 ♖xc8 20.♘b4 ♖c5 21.♕d3 ♕xd3 22.♘xd3 ♖xb5 23.b3 f5∓

17...♖c5∓ 18.♘e4

18.a4 ♗xd5 19.♕d1 e4 20.fxe4 (20.O-O ♗c4 21.♗b4 ♖d5 22.♕c2 ♗d3 23.♕b3 ♖f5 24.♔h1 ♗xf1 25.♖xf1 d5-+) 20...♗c4 21.♖a3 ♗xb2 22.♖e3 ♗d4-+

18...♗xd5-+ 19.♕b4

19.♕d3 ♗c4 20.♕c2 ♘f4 21.♘xc5 ♘xg2+ 22.♔d1 ♗xb5-+

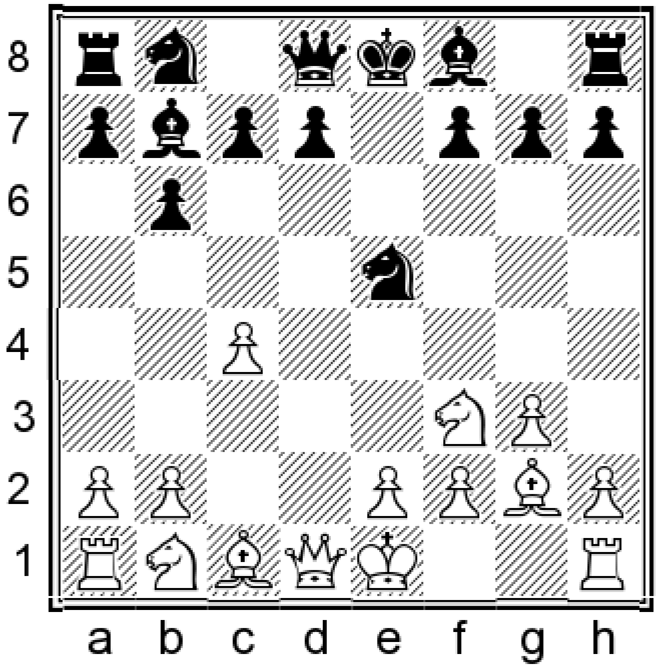
19...♗xe4 20.fxe4 ♘h4! 21.♗h3 ♕a8 0-1

31.* !N [A50]
Georgiev, Kiril (2624) - Romanov, Evgeny (2617)
Tallinn (rapid) 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 b6 3.c4 ♗b7 4.g3 e5

4...g6 5.♗g2 ♗g7 6.O-O O-O 7.d5 e6 (7...♘a6 - 115/23) 8.♘c3 exd5 9.cxd5 ♖e8 10.♗f4 ♘a6 11.♖c1N (11.♘d4) 11...♘c5 12.b4 ♘ce4 13.♘xe4 ♘xe4 14.♗xc7 (14.♘d4 c5 15.bxc5 (15.dxc6 dxc6 16.♘xc6 ♕xd1 17.♖fxd1 ♘c3 18.♖xc3 ♗xc3 19.b5=∞) 15...♘xc5∞) 14...♕f6 15.e3 d6?! (15...♗a6 16.♘d4! ♗xf1 17.♕xf1=∞) 16.♘d4 ♗a6 17.b5 ♗b7 18.a4 ♗xd5 19.a5 bxa5 20.♗xa5± Georgiev, K (2624) -Berkes, F (2652) Tallinn (rapid) 127/(31) 2016

5.dxe5 ♘g4 6.♗g2 ♘xe5



7.O-O!N

7.♘bd2 ♗e7 8.O-O ♘xf3+ 9.♘xf3 O-O 10.♗d2 ♗f6∞

7...♘xc4

7...♘xf3+ 8.exf3 ♗e7 9.♘c3 O-O 10.♘d5±

8.♘c3=∞ ♗e7?

8...♘c6 9.♕d3 (9.b3 ♘d6 10.e4↑) 9...♘d6 10.♗f4 ♗e7 11.♘d5±

9.♕d4 ♘d6

9...d5 10.♕xg7 ♗f6 11.♕h6 ♘d7 12.♗f4±

10.♕xg7 ♗f6 11.♕h6 ♘a6 12.♗f4

12.e4! ♗e7 (12...♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♘xe4 14.♗g5 f6 15.♖fe1 fxg5 16.♘xg5+-) (12...♘xe4 13.♘xe4 ♗xe4 14.♘g5 ♗xg2 15.♖e1+ ♗e7 16.♕g7+-) 13.♘g5 ♘c5 14.e5 ♘f5 15.♕h5+-

12...♘f5 13.♕h3 ♘g7 14.♖fd1 ♘e6 15.♗e5

15.♕f5 ♘g7 16.♕c2 ♘c5 17.♘d5 ♗xd5 18.♖xd5 O-O 19.♖ad1 d6 20.♘g5+-

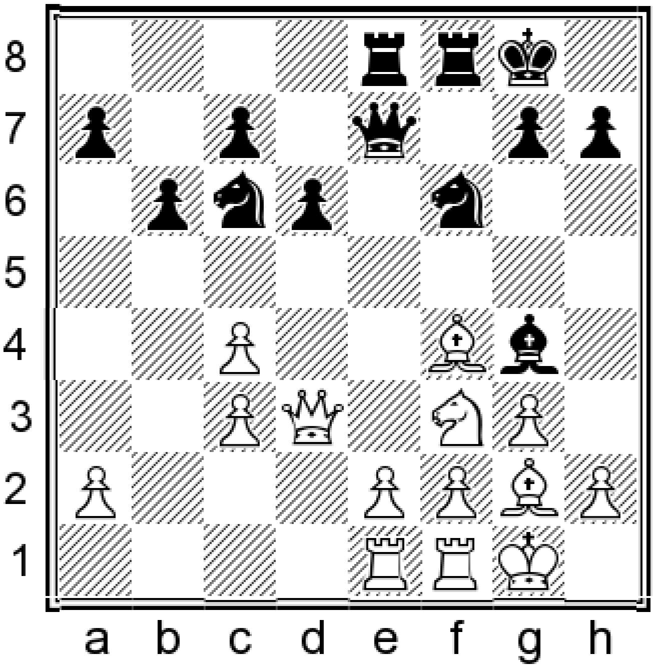
15...♗xf3 16.♗xf6 ♕xf6 17.♗xf3 O-O-O 18.♕g4 c6 19.♖ac1+- ♘ac7 20.♕a4 ♔b8 21.♖xd7! ♖xd7

21...♘c5 22.♕xc6 ♕xc6 23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♗xc6+-

22.♕xc6 ♔c8 23.♘e4 1-0

32, !N [A52]
Habermehl, Tobias - Nightingale, Darrell
corr 2015 [Habermehl, Tobias]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ♘g4 4.♗f4 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗b4+ 6.♘c3 ♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 ♕e7 8.♕d5 f6 9.exf6 ♘xf6 10.♕d3 d6 11.g3 O-O 12.♗g2 ♗g4 13.O-O ♖ae8 14.♖ae1 b6



14...♔h8 15.h3 (15.♘d4?! ♘e5 16.♗xe5 dxe5 17.♘c2 (17.♘f5 ♗xf5 18.♕xf5 ♘d7 19.♕e4 c6 20.♖d1 ♘b6 21.♖d3 ♕c5 22.♕h4 g6 23.♗e4 ♔g7 24.♕g4 (24.♔g2?! ♕xc4 (24...♖f7!?) 25.♖fd1 ♕xa2 26.g4 ♕c4∓ (26...♖f4?! - 117/19)) 24...♖f6 25.h4 ♖ef8∞) 17...e4 18.♕d2 ♖d8 19.♕e3 c5 20.f4 ♗e6 21.♗xe4 ♘xe4 (21...♕f7!?) 22.♕xe4 ♕f6 23.♘e3±) 15...♗e6

(15...♗h5 16.♗g5 ♗g6 (16...b6) 17.♗xf6 ♕xf6 18.e4 ♗f7=∞) 16.♘d4 ♘e5 17.♗xe5 dxe5 18.♘xe6 ♕xe6 19.♕b1±

15.h3!N

15.♘d4?! ♘e5 16.♗xe5 dxe5!? (16...♕xe5?! 17.e4 ♕h5 18.f3 ♗d7 19.♘c2 ♖e5 20.♘e3 ♖a5 21.♖f2 ♕c5 22.♕d4±) 17.♘f5 (17.♘b3) 17...♗xf5 18.♕xf5 ♕c5=

15...♗h5

15...♗e6 16.♘d4 ♘a5 17.c5 bxc5 18.♘xe6 ♕xe6 19.♕a6!

16.♗g5 ♔h8

16...♘a5 17.♘d4 (17.e4 h6 (17...♗xf3 18.♗xf3 ♕e5 19.♗xf6 ♖xf6 20.♔g2 c6 (20...♕c5 21.♕d5+ ♔h8 22.♕xc5 dxc5 23.♗d1 ♘xc4 24.♗a4 ♖e7 25.f4±) 21.♗d1 ♕c5 22.f4 ♘xc4 23.♗b3 b5 24.♕d4±) 18.♗xf6 ♕xf6 19.♘d2 ♗f7 20.f4↑) 17...♕d7 18.♘b3 ♗g6 19.e4 ♕a4 20.♘xa5 ♕xa5 21.f4 ♕c5+ 22.♖f2 ♗f7 23.♗xf6 ♗xc4 24.♗d4 ♗xd3 25.♗xc5 bxc5 26.e5±16...♗f7 17.♗xf6 ♕xf6 18.♘g5 ♕xg5 19.♗xc6 ♖e7 20.♗d5± Δ e4, f4

17.♘d2 ♘e5 18.♕c2

18.♕d4 ♗f7 19.♘e4 ♖d8 20.f4 c5 21.fxe5 cxd4 22.exf6 ♕d7 23.fxg7+ ♔xg7 24.♗f6+ ♔g8 25.♗xd4 ♗xc4 26.♘f6+ ♖xf6 27.♖xf6 ♖f8 28.♖h6 ♗xa2 29.♗e4±

18...h6

18...♗f7 19.c5! bxc5 20.f4 ♘g6 21.e4±18...♗g6 19.e4 h6 20.♗xf6 ♕xf6 21.f4 ♘d7 22.♖e3±

19.♗xf6 ♕xf6 20.f4 ♘d7 21.e4± ♗f7 22.♔h2 ♗e6 23.♕d3 ♘c5 24.♕d4 ♖d8 25.♗f3 ♗f7 26.♗d1 ♗e6 27.♗c2 ♗c8

27...♖fe8 28.♖f2 ♗f5 29.♖fe2 ♗c8 30.♘f3 ♔g8 31.♘h4 ♗e6 32.♘f5±

28.♘f3 ♗a6 29.♖f2 ♔g8 30.♘h4 ♖de8 31.f5!+-

31.e5 dxe5 32.♕d5+ ♕e6 33.♘g6 e4 34.♕xe6+ ♖xe6 35.♘xf8 ♔xf8 36.♖fe2 ♗xc4 37.♖e3 ♗xa2 38.♖a1 ♗d5 39.♖xa7 ♖e7 40.g4±

31...♘e6

31...♖f7 32.♘g6 ♖d7 (32...♗b7 33.g4 ♗c6 34.♖fe2 (34.♖g2 ♘d7 35.♗b3 ♘e5 36.♘xe5 ♖xe5 37.c5 d5 38.exd5 ♖xe1 39.dxc6 ♕xc6 40.♖d2 ♕f3 41.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 42.♕d5+ ♕xd5 43.♖xd5 ♖e2+ 44.♔g3 ♖e3+ 45.♔h4 g5+ 46.fxg6+ ♔xg6 47.c4 ♖e4 48.cxb6 axb6 49.c5 ♖a4 50.♖e5 ♖a3 51.c6 ♖xa2 52.♖e6+ ♔g7 53.♖e7+ ♔g6 54.♖xc7 ♖c2=) 34...♘d7 35.♗b3 ♘e5 36.♘xe5 dxe5 37.♕e3 ♔f8 38.c5 ♖d7 39.♗e6 ♖dd8 40.♖g2 g5 41.fxg6 ♕f4+ 42.♕xf4+ exf4 43.♗f5+-) 33.♖g2! ♖dd8 (33...♕f7 34.g4 ♗b7 (34...♕xc4? 35.g5 hxg5 36.♖e3+-) 35.h4 ♖de7 36.g5 h5 37.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 38.f6 ♕e5+ 39.♕xe5 ♖xe5 40.fxg7 ♔xg7 41.♗d1 ♗a6 42.♗xh5 ♘d3 43.♖f1 ♖xe4 44.♖f7+ ♔g8 45.♔g3 ♖xc4 46.♖e7+-) 34.g4 ♘d7 35.♕d5+ ♔h7 36.g5 hxg5 37.♖eg1 ♘e5 38.♕d1 ♘xg6 39.♕h5+ ♔g8 40.♖xg5 ♘e5 41.♖xg7+ ♕xg7 42.f6 ♘f3+ 43.♕xf3 ♕xg1+ 44.♔xg1 ♔f7 45.c5 bxc5 46.♕h5+ ♔xf6 47.♕h6+ ♔f7 48.e5 ♖xe5 49.♗g6+ ♔e6 50.♗d3+ ♔d7 51.♗xa6 c6 52.♗d3 ♔c7 53.h4+-

32.♕e3

32.♕d2 ♘c5 33.♖f4!? (33.♘g6 ♗xc4 34.♕d4 ♗d3 35.♘xf8 ♔xf8 36.♖g2 ♗xc2 37.♕xf6+ gxf6 38.♖xc2 d5 (38...♖xe4 39.♖xe4 ♘xe4 40.c4 ♔f7 41.g4 a6 42.♔g2 ♘c5 43.♔g3 ♘d3 44.♔h4 ♘e5 45.♔h5 ♔g7 46.♖c3 ♘f7 47.♖a3 a5 48.♖e3 ♘e5 49.♖e4 ♔h7 50.h4 ♔g7 51.g5 hxg5 52.hxg5 ♔f7 53.g6++-) 39.♖d2±) 33...♖f7 34.♖g4 ♔h8 (34...g5 35.♘f3 ♗b7 36.h4 ♖g7 37.♔g2 ♔f8 38.♔f2 ♖h7 39.♕e3 ♖ee7 40.♖h1 ♔e8 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.♖xh7 ♖xh7 43.♖xg5 ♕h8 44.♘h4 ♖e7 45.♖g4 ♔d7 46.♘f3 ♔c8 47.♖h4 ♕f8 48.♖f4 ♕h8 49.g4+-) 35.♖g6 ♕d8 36.♕d1 ♖ef8 37.♕d4±

32...♘c5

32...♗xc4 33.♘g6 ♘c5 34.♕d4 - 32.Qd2

33.♘g6 ♖f7

33...♗xc4 34.♘xf8 ♔xf8 35.♕d4 ♗d3 - 32.Qd2

34.g4

34.g4 ♘d7 (34...♕d8 35.♖d2 ♕g5 36.♕xg5 hxg5 37.e5 ♖f6 38.♗e4 ♘xe4 39.♖xe4 ♗b7 40.♖ee2 dxe5 41.♖xe5 ♗c6 42.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 43.♖d8 ♔f7 44.♖c8 c6 45.♖c7+ ♔g8 46.♘e5+-) (34...♗xc4 35.h4 ♕d8 (35...♘xe4 36.♗xe4 d5 37.♗xd5 ♖xe3 38.♖xe3 ♕d6+ 39.♔h3 ♗xd5 40.♖e8+ ♖f8 41.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 42.♘xf8 ♔xf8 43.♖d2+-) 36.g5 ♘xe4 37.♗xe4 d5 38.♖d2 ♕b8 39.♕g3 dxe4 40.gxh6 e3 41.♖xe3 ♖xe3 42.♕xe3 c5+ 43.♔h3 ♕c8 44.♘e7+ ♖xe7 45.♕xe7 ♕xf5+ 46.♔g3 ♕g6+ 47.♔h2 ♕f6 48.♕e8+ ♔h7 49.♕e4+ ♔xh6 50.♕xc4+-) 35.♗a4 ♗xc4 36.♗xd7 ♖xd7 37.h4 ♗f7 (37...♕d8 38.g5 ♗f7 - 37...Bf7) 38.g5 ♕d8 39.♖ef1 ♖de7 (39...♗c4 40.♖g1 ♗f7 41.♘f4 h5 42.f6 ♖e5 (42...g6 43.♘xh5!+-) 43.fxg7 ♗e8 44.♘d3 ♖e6 45.♖gf1 ♕e7 46.♖f8+ ♔xg7 47.♕d4+ ♖e5 48.♘xe5 dxe5 49.♕c4 ♕xf8 50.♖xf8 ♔xf8 51.♕e6 ♖d6 52.♕xe5+-) (39...♗d5 40.♖f4 ♗f7 41.gxh6 gxh6 42.♖g4 ♔h7□ 43.♕d2 ♖g8 44.h5 ♕e8 45.♖fg1 ♗xg6 46.hxg6+ ♔g7 47.♖f1 ♕e5+ 48.♔g2 ♖f8 49.♖h4 ♖h8 50.f6++-) 40.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 41.♖e1 (41.f6 ♕xe4 42.♕xe4 ♖xe4 43.fxg7 ♗g6 44.♖f6 ♔xg7 45.gxh6+ ♔h7 46.♔g3+-) 41...♕e5+ 42.♕g3 ♔f8 43.♕xe5 ♖xe5 44.♔g3+-1-0

33. [A58]
L'Ami, Erwin (2623) - Perunovic, Milos (2624)
Reykjavik 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.♘c3 ♗g7 7.e4 O-O 8.a7 ♖xa7 9.♘f3 e6 10.♗e2 exd5 11.exd5 d6 12.O-O ♘a6 13.♗b5N

13.♗c4 - 126/(31)

13...♕b6 14.a4 ♗b7

14...♘c7 15.♘d2 ♕b8 16.♘c4 ♘fxd5 17.♘xd5 ♘xb5 18.♗f4 ♗e6 19.♘de3±

15.♘d2 ♘xd5

15...♘b4 16.♘c4 ♕c7 17.♗f4 ♖d8 18.♘e3±

16.♘c4 ♘xc3 17.bxc3 ♕d8 18.♘xd6

18.♕xd6 ♘c7 (18...♗xc3?! 19.♖a3 ♗g7 20.♗e3±) 19.♗e3 ♗xc3 20.♖ad1 ♕xd6 21.♘xd6±

18...♗a8

18...♘c7 19.♗c4 ♗c6

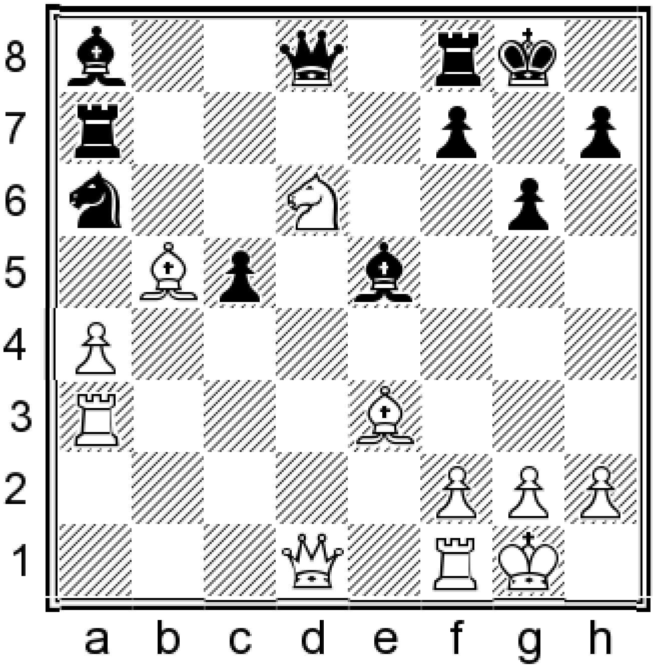
19.♗e3 ♗xc3

19...♗e5 20.♘c4 ♗xc3 21.♗h6±

20.♖a3

20.♘xf7!? ♖axf7 21.♕xd8 ♖xd8 22.♖ac1 ♗d4 23.♗xd4 cxd4 24.♗xa6±

20...♗e5



21.♘c4?!

21.♘xf7! ♖axf7 (21...♕xd1 22.♘h6+ ♔g7 23.♖xd1±) 22.♕xd8 ♖xd8 23.♗xa6±

21...♗d4! 22.♖d3

22.♗h6 ♘c7! (22...♗xf2+ 23.♔xf2 ♕h4+ 24.♔g1 ♕xh6 25.♘b6±) 23.♗xf8 ♘xb5 24.♖g3 (24.axb5? ♖xa3 25.♘xa3 ♕g5 26.g3 ♕d5-+) 24...♘c3 25.♖xc3 ♔xf8 26.♘e3 ♖d7 27.♕b3 ♗c6⩱

22...♕d5= 23.f3

23.♕g4 h5 24.♕g3 ♘c7=

23...♘c7 24.♗xd4 cxd4 25.♖xd4 ♕c5 26.♔h1 ♘xb5 27.axb5 ♕xb5 28.♘d6 ♕b2 29.♖d2 ♕b4 30.♖e1 ♗c6 31.♖d4 ♕b2 32.♘c4 ♕c3 33.♘e5 ♖a2 34.♘xc6 ♕xc6 35.♖d2 ♖xd2 36.♕xd2 ♖e8 37.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 38.h3 h5 39.♕d4 ♕e1+ 40.♔h2 ♕e6 1/2-1/2

34. [A58]
Kanarek, Marcel (2533) - Bauer, Christian (2631)
Cappelle-la-Grande 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

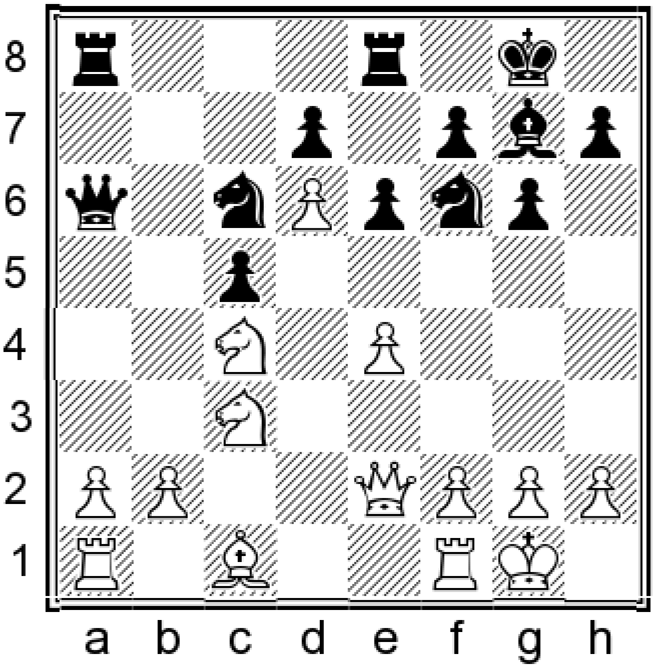
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.♘c3 ♗g7 7.e4 O-O 8.♘f3

8.a7 - 126/(131)

8...♕a5 9.♘d2 ♗xa6 10.♗xa6 ♕xa6 11.♕e2 e6 12.♘c4 ♖e8 13.d6?!N

13.♘e3 ♘xe4! (13...d6?! 14.♕xa6 ♘xa6 15.dxe6 fxe6⩱) 14.♘xe4 (14.♕xa6 ♗xc3+ 15.bxc3 ♘xa6 16.dxe6 ♖xe6∓) 14...exd5 15.♕xa6 (15.♘xd5 ♕xe2+ 16.♔xe2 ♖xe4+ 17.♔f3 f5∓) 15...♘xa6 16.♘d6 ♖e6 17.♘b5 d4∓13.♗g5 exd5 14.♗xf6 dxc4 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.O-O ♘c6 17.f4 ♘d4 18.♕f2 f6∞

13...♘c6 14.O-O



14...♘d5! 15.exd5 exd5 16.♘e3

16.♕d1 dxc4 (16...♕xc4 17.♕xd5 ♕b4 18.a3 ♕b6∓) 17.♘d5 ♘d4 18.♘c7 ♕xd6 19.♘xa8 ♖xa8∓

16...♕xe2 17.♘xe2 d4∓ 18.♘f4 dxe3 19.♗xe3 ♗xb2 20.♖ab1 ♖xa2

⌓20...♗d4 21.♗xd4 (21.♘d5 ♖ed8∓) 21...cxd4 22.♖b7 ♖ed8∓

21.♘d5 ♖e6 22.♗xc5 ♗d4 23.♗xd4 ♘xd4 24.♘c7

24.♖fd1 ♘f5 25.g3 ♔g7∓

24...♖ee2 25.♖b8+ ♔g7 26.♘e8+?!

26.♖d8 ♘f5 27.♖xd7 ♖ac2 (27...♘e3 28.♘e6+! ♔h6 (28...♔f6 29.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 (29...♔xe6 30.♖e7+) 30.d7 ♘xf1 31.d8=Q ♖xe6 32.♕d7+ ♔f6 33.♕d4+ ♔e7 34.♔xf1=) 29.♖xf7 ♘xf1 30.d7 ♘e3 31.h3 ♖a1+ 32.♔h2 ♘f1+ 33.♔g1=) 28.♘b5 ♘e3 29.h3 ♘xf1 30.♘d4 ♖xf2 31.♘xc2 ♖xc2 32.♔xf1=

26...♔h6 27.♘f6 ♘f5 28.h4?

28.♖d1 ♘xd6 29.h3∓

28...♘xh4∓ 29.♘xd7

29.♖d1 ♘xg2! 30.♘g8+ ♔g7 31.♔xg2 ♖xf2+ 32.♔g3 ♖fd2-+

29...♖ad2 30.♖d8 ♘f5 31.♘f6 ♘xd6 32.♘g4+ ♔g7 33.♘h2 ♘e4 34.♖xd2 ♘xd2 [R 9/h] **35.♖d1 ♘e4 36.f3 ♘c3 37.♖c1**

37.♖d3 ♖c2 38.♘f1 h5∓

37...♘d5 38.♔f1 ♖b2 39.♘g4 h5 40.♘f2 ♘f4 41.♖d1 ♖a2 42.g3 ♘e2 43.♔g2 ♘c3 44.♖e1 f5 45.g4?!

45.♔f1 ♔f6 46.♘d3 ♘d5∓

45...hxg4 46.fxg4 ♘e4-+ 47.gxf5 ♘xf2!

47...gxf5? 48.♖f1 ♔f6 49.♔g1 ♘d2 50.♖c1∓

48.♖f1

48.f6+ ♔xf6 49.♖f1 ♔f5 50.♖xf2+ ♖xf2+ 51.♔xf2 ♔f4 52.♔g2 ♔g4-+

48...♘g4+ 49.♔h3

49.♔g3 ♘e3-+

49...♘e3 0-1

35. [A62]
Li, Chao (2751) - Istratescu, Andrei (2609)
Graz 2016 [Pikula, Dejan]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♘f6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♘c3 g6 7.♗g2 ♗g7 8.♘f3 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♖e1 ♘e4

10...a6 - 32/(126)

11.♘xe4 ♖xe4 12.♗g5 ♕c7 13.♘d2 ♖e8 14.♗f4N

14.♘e414.♕c2

14...♘d7 15.♘c4 ♗f8

15...♘e5 16.♘xe5 ♗xe5 17.♗xe5 ♖xe5 18.e4 ♗d7 19.f4 ♖e7 20.♕d2±

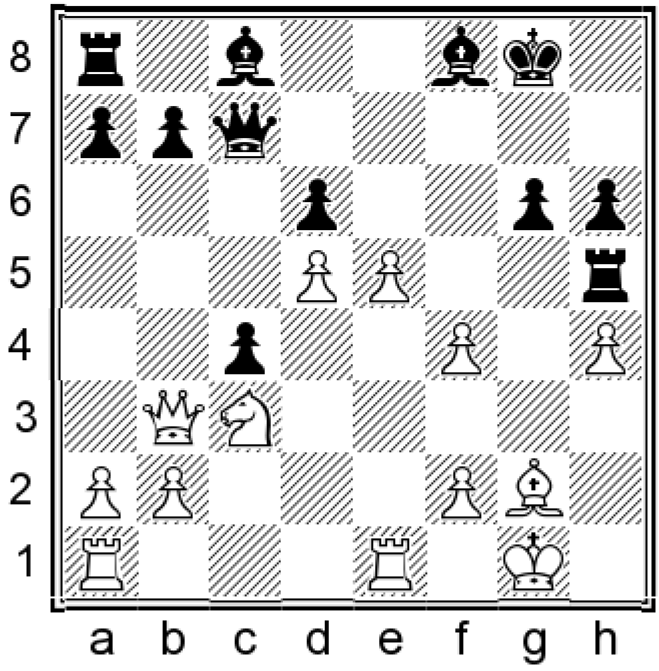
16.♕b3 ♘b6 17.♘d2 h6 18.h4 ♘d7 19.♘e4± f5 20.♘c3

20.♘d2 ♘e5 21.e4 ♗g7 22.♘c4 ♘xc4 23.♕xc4 fxe4 (23...♗xb2? 24.♕b5+-) 24.♗xe4±

20...♘e5 21.♗xe5 ♖xe5 22.e4 f4?

22...♗g7 23.f4 (23.♘b5 ♕e7 24.♘a3 ♖xe4! 25.♗xe4 fxe4⯹) 23...♖e8 24.♔h2 (24.e5 c4 25.♕b4 dxe5 26.d6 ♕b6+ 27.♕xb6 axb6 28.♖ad1 ♗d7∞) 24...fxe4 25.♗xe4 ♕d7 26.♗g2 ♕f7 27.♖xe8+ (27.♘b5 ♖d8 28.♖e6 ♗xe6 29.dxe6 ♕e7∞) 27...♕xe8 28.♘e4 ♕f8∞

23.gxf4 ♖h5 24.e5 c4?!



24...♖xh4 25.♘b5 ♕b6 26.e6 ♖xf4 27.e7 ♗d7 28.exf8=Q+ ♖axf8 29.♘c3±

25.♘b5! ♕d8

25...cxb3 26.♘xc7 ♖b8 27.axb3+-

26.♕g3+- ♗f5 27.♘xd6 ♗xd6 28.exd6 ♖xh4

28...♕xh4 29.♗f3+-

29.♖e7

29.d7 ♗xd7 30.♕xg6+ ♔h8 31.d6+-

29...♖g4 30.♕c3 ♕f8 31.♖ae1 ♖d8 32.♖xb7 1-0

36. [A85]
Doncea, Vladimir (2404) - Ardelean, George Catalin (2494)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.d4 f5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♕c2 b6

4...♗b4 5.e3 O-O 6.♗d3 d5∞ - 90/(50)

5.e3

5.♗g5 ♗b7 6.f3 ♗e7 7.♘h3 O-O 8.e3 c5 9.O-O-O ♘c6∞

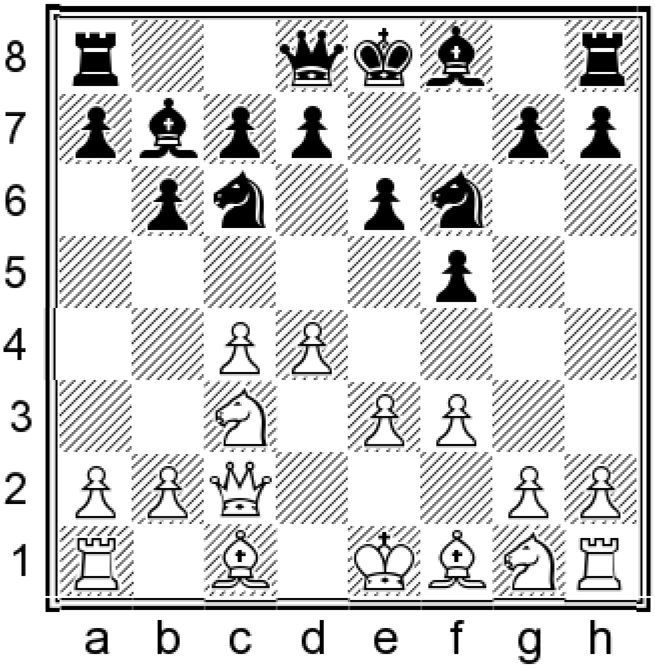
5...♗b7

5...♗b4 6.♗d3 O-O 7.♘e2 ♗b7 8.O-O ♘c6 9.f3 ♗d6 10.a3±

6.f3

6.♘ge2 ♗e7 7.♘f4 O-O 8.♗e2 c5 9.d5 (9.O-O ♘c6 10.d5 ♘b4 11.♕b3 exd5 12.cxd5 ♗d6⇄) 9...♘a6 10.O-O ♘c7 (10...e5 11.♘h3 ♘c7 12.e4 f4 13.g3±) 11.♖d1 ♗d6⇄

6...♘c6!?N



6...♗b4 7.♗d3 c5 8.♘e2 ♘c6 9.a3 cxd4 10.exd4 ♗d6 11.O-O O-O 12.♗e3 a6 13.b4±6...g6 7.♗d3 ♗g7 8.♘ge2 O-O (8...c5!?) 9.b4 d5 10.O-O±6...♗e7 7.♗d3 c5 (7...O-O 8.♘ge2 c5 9.d5±) 8.♘ge2 ♘c6 9.a3 O-O 10.O-O ♖c8 11.b3 (11.d5 ♘e5⇄ 12.e4 fxe4 13.fxe4 ♘fg4 14.♗f4 ♗f6∓) 11...♗d6 12.♗b2 ♕e7 13.♖ad1 ♗b8∞6...c5 7.a3 (7.d5 ♗d6!? 8.♘b5 ♕e7∞) 7...g6 (7...♘c6!? 8.d5 ♘e5 9.♘h3 ♗d6 10.♗e2 O-O∞) 8.♗d3 ♗g7 9.♘ge2 O-O 10.O-O ♘c6 11.♖b1 ♕e7 12.♗d2 (12.b4 cxb4 13.axb4 ♘xb4 14.♗a3 a5 15.♘a2 ♘xc2 16.♗xe7 ♘xe3 17.♗xf8 ♗xf8 18.♖fc1 ♗a6⯹) 12...d5 (12...♘h5!? 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.b4 d6 15.e4 ♘e5⇄) 13.b4 cxd4 14.exd4 ♖ad8 15.c5 e5⇄

7.a3 g6 8.♗d3 ♗g7 9.♘ge2 O-O

9...e5 10.O-O (10.d5 e4!? 11.fxe4 fxe4 12.♘xe4 ♘e5⇄) 10...O-O 11.♗d2 exd4 12.exd4 ♕e7 13.♖ae1 ♕f7 14.♗e3 ♖fe8 15.♗f2±

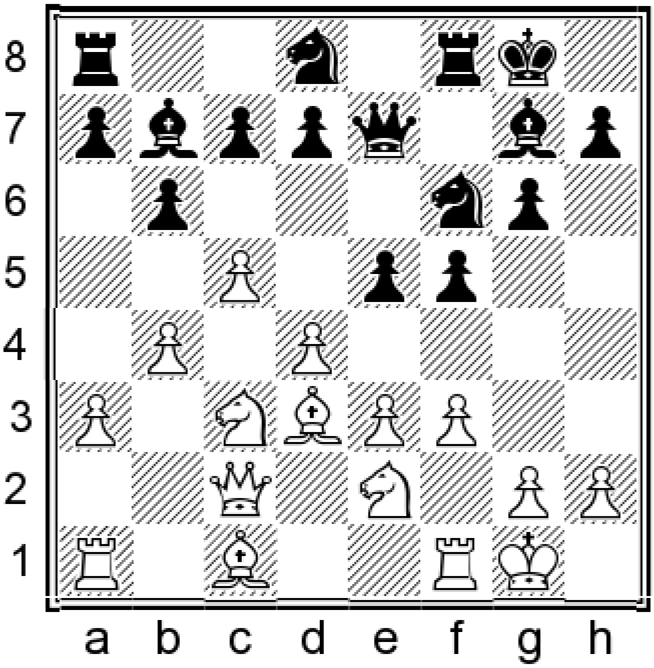
10.O-O ♕e7 11.b4

11.♗d2 ♖ac8 12.♖ae1 e5 13.♘d5 (13.d5 ♘d8 14.e4 f4 15.♖d1 ♘f7 16.♗e1 c6 17.♗f2 g5⇄) 13...♘xd5 14.cxd5 ♘d8 15.♗b4 d6 16.dxe5 ♕xe5 17.e4 (17.♗c3 ♕xd5 18.♘f4 ♕c5∞) 17...♕xb2 18.♕a4⯹

11...e5

11...a5 12.b5 ♘d8 13.♘a4 d6 14.c5!?∞

12.c5 ♘d8



12...♔h8!? 13.♗d2 (13.♗c4 bxc5 14.bxc5 f4 15.♖b1 ♖ab8 16.d5 ♘a5 17.♗a2 ♗a6⇄) 13...exd4 14.exd4 ♘h5 15.♘b5 ♖ac8 16.♖ae1 a6 17.♘f4 ♕f7⇄

13.♘b5!?

13.♖b1 ♘f7 14.♗c4 d5 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.♕a2 e4∞

13...d6

13...♘e6 14.dxe5 ♘d5 15.f4 bxc5 16.♖d1 a6 17.♘bc3 ♘b6 18.bxc5 ♕xc5 19.a4 a5 20.♗b5 ♘d5 (20...c6 21.♗d3±) 21.♖xd5! ♗xd5 22.♕d2 ♗c6 23.♗a3 ♕b6 24.♗c4! ♖fb8 25.♘d4 ♗e4 26.♘xe4 fxe4 27.♗d5↑13...exd4 14.♗c4+ (14.♘exd4 ♘e8! 15.♗d2 c6 16.♘c3 bxc5 17.bxc5 ♕xc5 18.♖fc1 ♘f7∓) 14...♔h8 15.exd4 ♘e6⇄

14.cxd6 cxd6 15.♕c7 ♕xc7 16.♘xc7 ♖b8

⌓16...♖c8 17.♘b5 e4 18.fxe4 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 ♘xe4 20.♘xa7 ♖a8 21.♘b5 ♘e6 22.♘g3 ♘6g5 23.♘xe4 ♘xe4 24.♘c7 ♖a7 25.♘d5 b5=∞

17.♘b5

17.dxe5 ♘e8 18.♘xe8 ♖xe8 19.♗b2 ♘f7=17.♗d2 Δ Rfc1+/=

17...♗a6

⌓17...e4 18.♗c4+ d5 19.♗b3 exf3 20.gxf3 a6 (20...♘f7 21.♘xa7 ♘d6 22.♘c3 ♘c4 23.♘ab5 ♖fe8 24.♔f2±) 21.♘d6 ♗a8 22.♘f4 ♘f7 23.♘xf7 ♖xf7 24.♔f2 g5 25.♘e6 ♗h6 26.♖g1 g4 27.♗c2 ♔h8 28.♗xf5 gxf3 29.♗d3 ♗c6= Δ Bb5

18.a4± e4?!

18...♘f7 19.♗c4 ♖bd8 (19...d5 20.♗b3 ♖bc8 21.♗d2±) 20.♗b3 ♖d7 21.♗d2±

19.fxe4 fxe4

19...♘xe4 20.♗xe4 fxe4 21.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 22.♘ec3 ♘c6 23.♗d2 ♘xb4 24.♘xe4 ♘c2 25.♖f1+ ♔g8 26.♘exd6 ♗xb5 27.♘xb5 ♗h6 28.♖c1 ♗xe3+ 29.♗xe3 ♘xe3 30.♘xa7 ♖a8 31.♖c8+ ♖xc8 32.♘xc8 ♘d5 33.♔f2±

20.♗c4+ d5 21.♗b3 ♘e6 22.♗d2 ♖fd8

22...♗h6 23.♖ac1 ♔g7 24.♖c6 ♘d8 25.♖c7+ ♖f7 26.♖xf7+ ♘xf7 27.♘ec3 ♖d8 28.♘c7±

23.♖ac1± ♔f7 24.♗e1 ♗h6 25.♖c3 ♔e7

25...♗xb5 26.axb5 ♖bc8 27.♗h4 ♖xc3 28.♖xf6+ ♔g7 29.♘xc3 ♗xe3+ 30.♔f1 ♘xd4 31.♗xd5 g5 32.♖f7+ ♔g6 33.♗f2±

26.♗h4 g5 27.♗g3 ♗xb5 28.axb5 ♖b7

28...♖bc8 29.♖a1 ♖xc3 30.♘xc3 ♖d7 31.♗e5+-

29.h3

29.♗e5 ♘g4 30.♘g3 ♘xe5 31.dxe5+-

29...g4

29...♘h5 30.♗e5 ♗g7 31.♖f5+-

30.♗h4+- ♗g5 31.♗xg5 ♘xg5 32.♖c6 ♘e6 33.♖xf6 ♔xf6 34.♘f4 gxh3 35.♘xe6 1-0

37. [A90]
Skembris, Spyridon (2412) - Lerch, Philipp (2401)
Selestat 2016 [Skembris, Spyridon]

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.♗g2 c6 4.♕c2 f5 5.♘f3

5.d4 ♗d6 6.♘h3 ♘f6 7.♗f4 O-O 8.♘d2 b6 9.O-O ♗b7 10.♖fc1 ♗xf4 (10...♘a6!? 11.a3 ♘c7 (11...♘e4 12.b4±) 12.♘f3±) 11.♘xf4 ♕e7 12.♘f3⩲

5...♘f6 6.O-O ♗d6 7.b3

7.d3!? O-O 8.♘c3 dxc4 9.dxc4 e5 10.e4⩲ (10.b3 e4⇄)

7...O-O

7...♕e7!? (×a3) 8.d4 O-O 9.♘c3 b6 10.♘e5↑

8.♗a3!?

8.♗b2 b6⇄

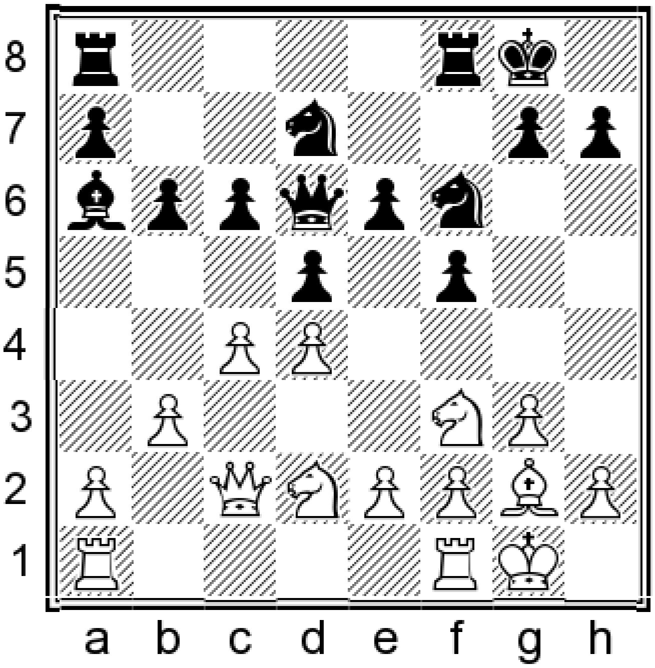
8...b6

⌓8...e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.d4 e4 11.♘e5 ♗xa3 12.♘xa3 ♕b6 13.♖ac1 ♗e6 14.e3⇄

9.♗xd6 ♕xd6 10.d4↑ ♗a6N

10...♘bd710...♘e4

11.♘bd2⩲ ♘bd7



12.a4!? ♘e4 13.a5 b5

⌓13...♘df6 14.♕b2±

14.c5 ♕c7 15.b4 ♖ae8 16.e3 ♗c8 17.♖ad1 ♖e7 18.♕b2 [×e5]

18.♘b3!?±

18...e5 19.dxe5

19.♘b3 f4⇄ 20.exf4 exf4 21.♖de1 ♖fe8∞

19...♘xd2 20.♖xd2 ♘xe5 21.♘xe5 ♕xe5 22.♕xe5 ♖xe5 23.♖d4↑

23.h4!?

23...♗e6?!

23...g5!?

24.♖e1 ♗f7 25.f3 ♖fe8 26.♔f2 ♗g6 27.h3 h6 28.♖f4 ♖5e7 29.h4!?± h5

29...♗h7 30.h5±

30.♗h3 ♖e5 31.♗f1

31.e4!? dxe4 32.fxe4 ♖8e7 (32...fxe4 33.♗d7±) 33.♗g2 fxe4 (33...♗h7 34.♖d1±) 34.♖d1±

31...♔h7 32.♗d3 ♔h6 33.♗c2 ♖8e7 34.♗d1 ♗h7 35.g4⊕ fxg4 36.fxg4 hxg4 37.♗xg4 ♖e4 38.♗f3?!

38.♖xe4 ♗xe4⇄

38...♖xf4

38...♖c4!?↑

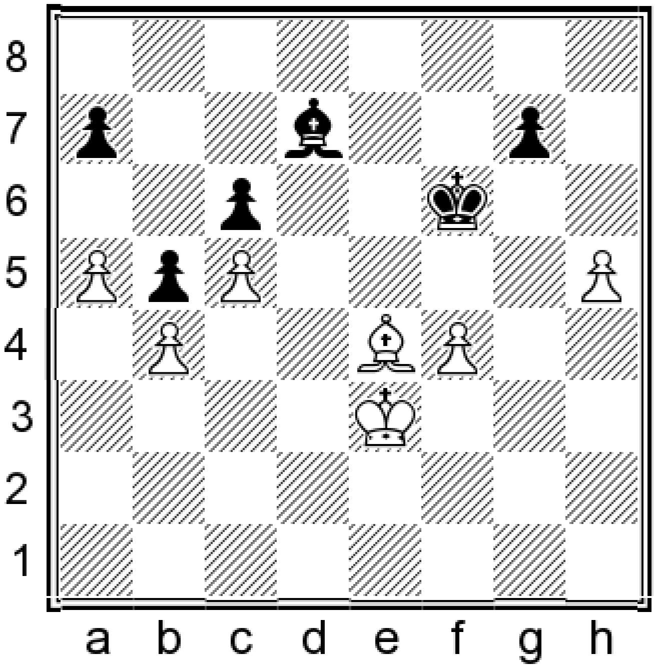
39.exf4 ♖xe1 40.♔xe1 ♗e4 41.♗g4 ♔g6 42.♔f2 d4

42...♗f5=

43.♔e2 ♔f6 44.h5 d3+?

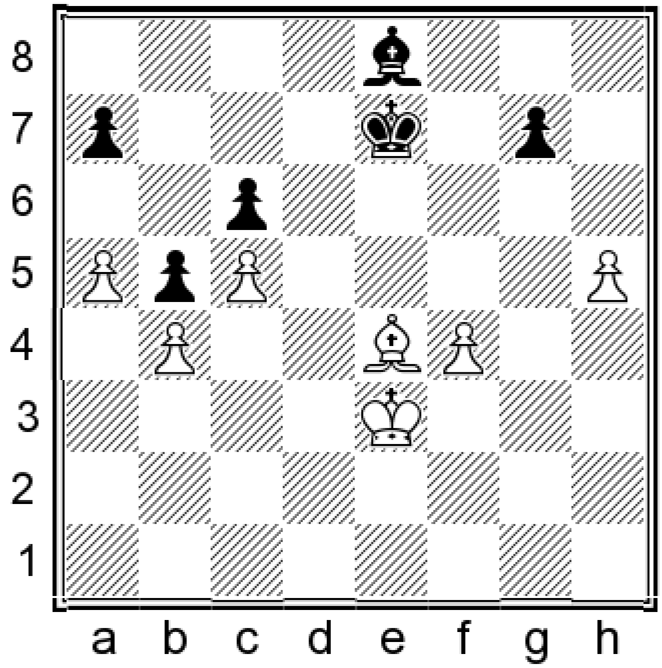
44...♔f7! 45.♗f3 d3+ 46.♔e3 ♗xf3 47.♔xf3 ♔e6 48.♔e3 ♔f5 49.♔xd3 ♔xf4 50.a6 ♔g4 51.♔e4 ♔xh5 52.♔e5 g5 53.♔d6 g4 54.♔xc6 g3 55.♔b7 g2 56.♔xa7 g1=Q 57.♔b7 ♕g7+ 58.♔b8=

45.♔e3 ♗f5 46.♗f3 d2 47.♔xd2 ♗d7 48.♗e4 ♗e8 49.♔e3 ♗d7



50.♔d4

50.♗g6! ♗e6 (50...♗h3 51.♗e8 ♗g2 52.♗d7 ♗d5 53.♔d3 ♔e7 54.♗f5 ♗f7 55.♗e4 ♗e8 56.♗g6 ♗d7 57.♔e4 ♔f6 58.f5+- ♗c8 (58...♔e7 59.♔e5+- Δ♗c8 60.h6 gxh6 61.f6+ ♔f8 62.♔d6 ♗g4 63.♔xc6 h5 64.♔b7 h4 65.♔xa7 h3 66.♔b6 ♗f3 67.c6 h2 68.c7 ♗g4 69.♗e4) 59.♗e8! ♗xf5+ (59...♗b7 60.♔f4 ♔e7 61.a6+-) 60.♔d4 ♗g4 61.♗xc6 ♗xh5 (61...♗e2 62.♗e4+- ♔e7 63.♗d3) 62.♗xb5 ♔e6 63.♗d3 g5 64.b5 ♗f3 65.♗e4 ♗e2 66.b6 axb6 67.axb6 ♔d7 68.♔d5 ♗b5 69.♗f5+) 51.♗e8 ♗d5 52.♗d7 ♔e7 (52...♗g2 53.♗g4 ♗d5 54.♗f3+-) 53.♗f5 ♗f7 (53...♔f6 54.♗e4+-) 54.♗e4 ♗e8



55.♗g6! ♗d7 (55...♗xg6 56.hxg6 ♔f6 57.♔e4 ♔xg6 58.♔e5 ♔h5 59.♔d6+-) 56.♔e4 ♔f6 57.f5 ♗c8 58.♗e8 ♗b7 59.♗d7 ♔e7 60.a6 ♗xa6 61.♗xc6+-

50...♗e8 51.♔e3 ♗d7 52.♗g6 ♗e6 53.♗e8 ♗d5 54.♗d7 ♔e7 55.♗g4

55.♗f5! ♗f7 56.♗e4 ♗e8 57.♗g6+- - 50.Bg6

55...♗f7 56.♗f3 ♗e8 57.♔f2 ♗d7 58.♔g3 ♔f6 59.♔h4 ♗e8 60.♗g4 ♗f7 61.♗d7 ♗d5 62.f5?⊕ ♔e7 63.♗e6 ♗xe6 64.fxe6 ♔xe6= 65.♔g5 ♔f7 66.♔f5 a6 67.♔e5 ♔e7 68.♔f5 ♔f7 69.♔g5 ♔e7 70.♔g6 ♔f8 1/2-1/2

B00-B59

38. !N [B01]**
Krezhanovsky, Sergey (2005) - Yakimenko, Andrey (2049)
Moscow 2015 [Krezhanovsky, Sergey]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 a6 6.g3 ♗g4 7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.♗f4

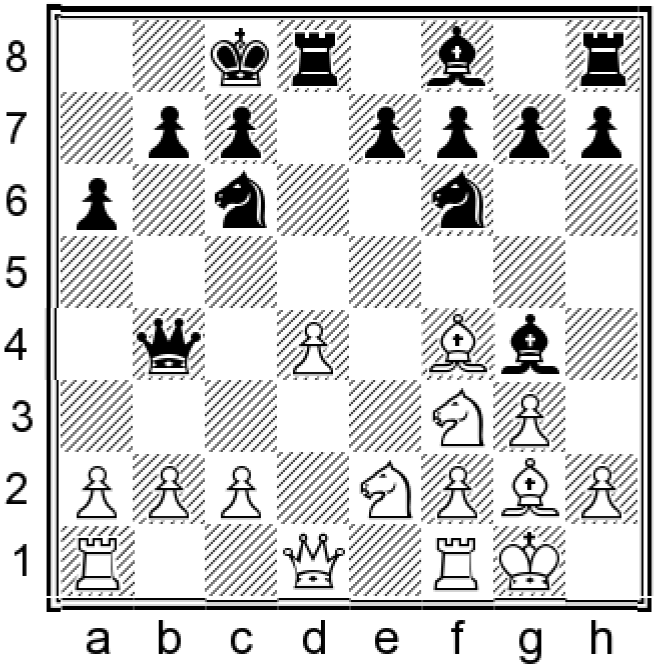
8.O-O O-O-O 9.♗e3 e5 10.dxe5 ♘xe5 11.♘xe5 ♗xd1 12.♘xf7 ♕d7 13.♘xd8 ♕xd8 14.♖axd1 ♗d6 15.♗f4=∞ - 85/54

8...♕b4 9.O-O

9.h3!? ♕xb2 10.♘a4 ♕b5 11.hxg4 ♕xa4 12.c3 ♕xd1+ 13.♖xd1 ♘xg4 14.♖b1=∞

9...O-O-O 10.a3!

10.h3 ♗h5 (10...♗xf3 11.♕xf3 ♘xd4 12.♕e3 e6 13.♖fd1 ♗c5 14.a3 ♕c4) (10...♖xd4 11.♕e2 ♖xf4! 12.gxf4 ♘d4 13.♕e3 ♗xf3 14.♗xf3 e6=∞) 11.a3 (11.g4±) 11...♕xb2 12.♘e2!? ♘d5 (12...e6 13.♖b1 ♕xa3 14.♖b3 (14.♖xb7!? ♔xb7 15.♘e5 ♘d5 16.♘xc6 ♔xc6 17.c4 ♗d6 18.cxd5+ ♔d7∞) 14...♕a2 15.♘e5 ♖xd4 16.♕e1 ♗b4 17.♖xb4! ♖xb4 18.♘xc6 bxc6 19.♕xb4 ♗xe2 20.♗xc6 ♗b5 21.♕e7±) 13.♕d2 ♘xf4 (13...♗g6 14.♘e5! ♘xe5 15.♗xe5 ♖d7 16.♗xd5 ♖xd5 17.♘f4 ♖b5 18.♘d3 ♗xd3 19.♕xd3 e6 20.♕c4 ♖xe5 21.♖fb1 ♕xa1 22.♖xa1 ♖d5±) 14.♕xf4↑10.♘e2



10...♗xf3 (10...e6 11.a3!? ♕b6 (11...♕c4) 12.b4 ♗xf3 13.♗xf3 ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♕xd4 15.♕e2=∞) 11.♗xf3 ♘xd4 12.♘xd4 ♖xd4 (12...♕xd4 13.♕e2! ♕b6 14.b4 e6 15.c4→) 13.♕e2 (13.♕c1 ♖xf4 (13...♖d8 14.a3 ♕b6 15.b4 e6 16.c4 ♗e7 17.c5→) (13...♖d7 14.a3 ♕b6 15.b4 e6 16.c4 ♕a7 (16...♗e7? 17.c5 ♕a7 18.♗xb7+!+-) 17.c5→) 14.c3 (14.a3 ♕c4 15.♕xf4 ♕xf4 16.gxf4 e6 17.♖ad1 ♗d6 18.♖d4±) 14...♕c4 15.gxf4 e6 16.♖d1 ♗d6 17.♖d4±) 13...♖xf4! 14.gxf4 e6N (⌓14...♕xf4) 15.c4 ♗d6 16.♖fd1 ♗xf4± Zaitsev, V (1964) -Yakimenko, A (2049) Moscow 127/ (38) 2015

10...♕xb2?!

10...♕c4 11.♘e2 (11.d5 e5 12.dxc6 ♖xd1 13.cxb7+ ♔b8 14.♖fxd1 ♗d6∞) 11...♗xf3 12.♗xf3 ♘xd4 13.♘xd4 ♖xd4

(13...♕xd4?! 14.♕e2 ♕b6 15.b4 e6 16.c4→) 14.♕c1! e6 15.b3 ♕b5 16.b4 ♕c4∞10...♕b6 11.♘a4 ♕a5 12.♘c5 (12.c3 e5 13.b4 ♕b5 14.c4 ♕xc4 15.♖c1 ♕b5 16.♘c3 ♕b6 17.♘a4 ♕a7 18.♖xc6!∞) 12...e5 ! 13.♘xb7! ♔xb7 14.♗xe5=∞

11.♘e2!N

11.♕d3 - 127/(38) 11...♗xf3 12.♖fb1 ♕xa1 13.♖xa1 ♗xg2 14.♔xg2 ♖xd4 15.♕e2 ♘d5?!N (15...e6∓) 16.♘xd5 ♖xd5 17.c4↑ ♖d7 18.♖b1 e6 19.♕b2 ♘d8 20.c5 ♖d5? (20...♗xc5 21.♖c1±) 21.c6!+- Galkin, V (2083) -Yakimenko, A (2059) Moscow 127/(38) 2015

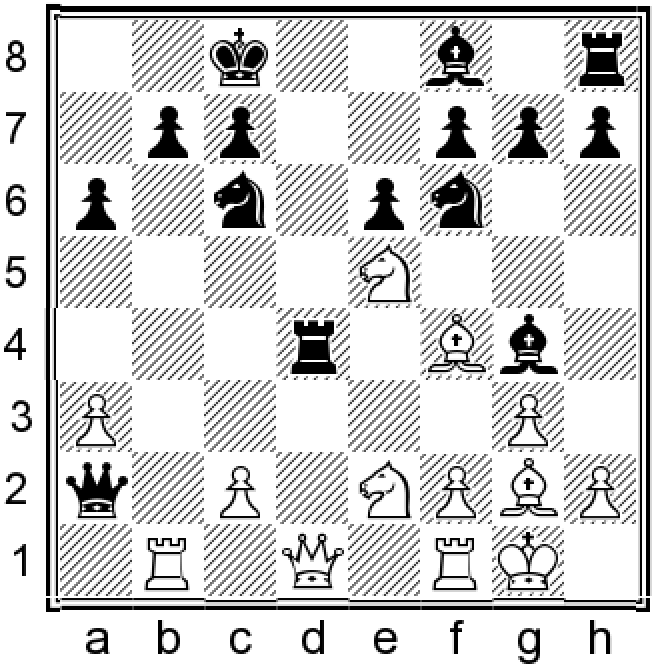
11...e6?

11...♕b5? 12.♖b1 ♕c4 13.♖xb7! ♔xb7 14.♘e5+-11...♗xf3?! 12.♗xf3 ♘d5 (12...♘xd4 13.♘xd4 ♕xd4 14.♕e2→) 13.♖b1 ♕xa3 14.♖b3 ♕a4 15.♕b1→11...♘d5 12.♕d2 ♘xf4 13.♕xf4 h5 14.h3 ♗e6 15.♘e5 ♕xc2 16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.♕e3±11...♘d7 12.h3 ♗h5 13.♕d2±

12.♖b1 ♕a2

12...♕xa3 13.♘e5 ♖xd4 14.♘xd4! (14.♕xd4! ♘xd4 15.♗xb7+ ♔d8 16.♘xd4±) 14...♗xd1 15.♖fxd1 ♘xe5 16.♗xb7+ ♔d7 17.♘b5++-

13.♘e5+- ♖xd4

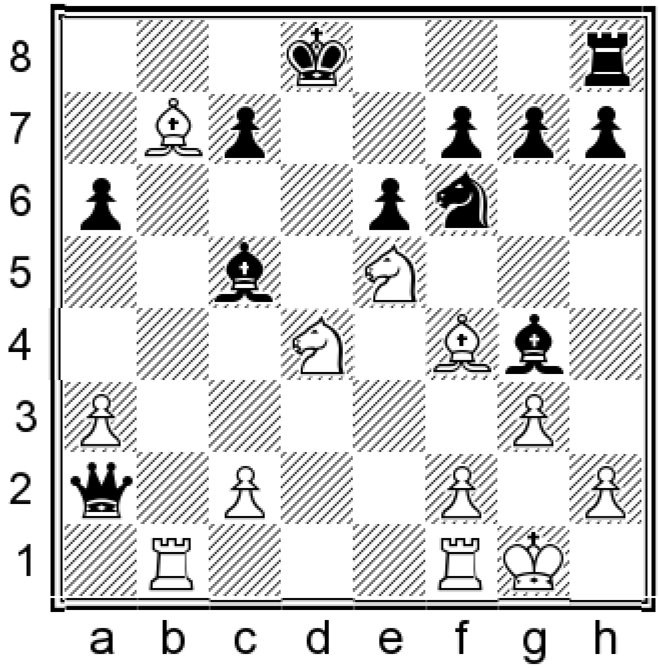


14.♕xd4!

14.♘xd4? ♗xd1 15.♖fxd1 ♘xe5 16.♗xb7+ ♔d7=

14...♘xd4 15.♗xb7+ ♔d8 16.♘xd4 ♘d7

16...♗c5



17.♗d5! ♕xd5 18.♘dc6+ ♕xc6 19.♖b8+ ♔e7 20.♘xc6++-16...♗d6 17.♗d5! ♕xd5 18.♖b8+ ♔e7 19.♘dc6+ ♕xc6 20.♘xc6++-16...♗h3 17.♖fd1! ♗d6 18.♗xa6 ♘d7 19.♗c4 ♕xa3 20.♖a1+-

17.♘xg4 ♗d6 18.♖b3! ♘c5 19.♘c6+ ♔e8 20.♘b4 ♕xb3 21.♗c6+ ♔e7 22.cxb3 1-0

39. [B07]
Manolache, Marius (2500) - Fedorov, Alexei (2553)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♘bd2 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗d3 O-O 6.O-O ♘c6 7.d5

7.c3 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♘c4 ♘h5∞ - 101/(66)

7...♘b4

7...♘b8!? 8.c4 ♘bd7 9.♘b3 a5 10.h3 a4 11.♘bd4 ♘c5 12.♖e1 c6!? 13.dxc6 e5 14.c7 ♕xc7 15.♘b5 ♕c6 16.♘c3 ♗e6 17.♘d5 ♕a6!? 18.♘c7 ♕c6 19.♘xa8 ♖xa8⇄

8.♗e2

8.♗c4 c6⇄

8...a5 9.c3

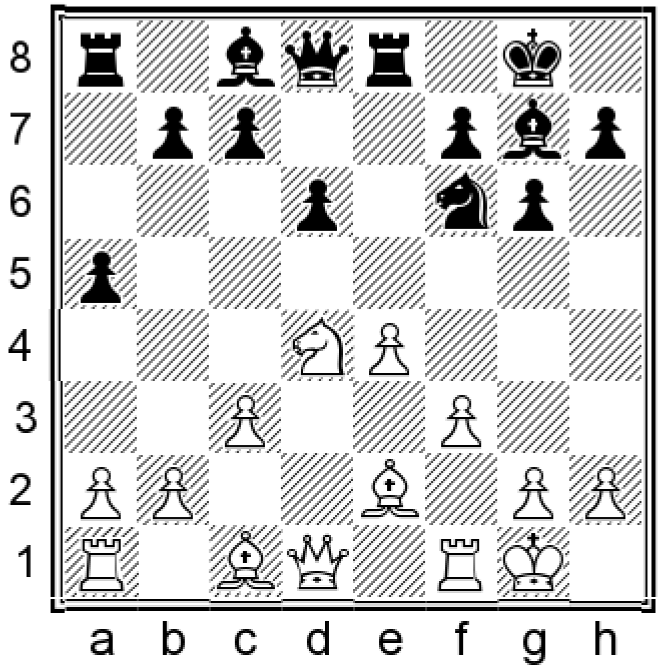
9.♖e1 ♘a6 10.♗xa6 (10.♗f1 ♘c5 11.h3 a4⇄ ∆ e6) 10...♖xa6 11.♘b1 c6 12.♘c3 cxd5 13.exd5 e6 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.♘b5 e5 16.h3 a4⇄9.♘d4 ♗d7 10.c3 ♘a6 11.f4 c6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.e5 ♘d5 14.♘c4 ♘c5!? 15.exd6 exd6 16.♘xd6 (16.♗f3 ♘b6⇄) 16...♕c7 17.♘c4 a4⯹

9...♘a6 10.♘d4

10.♕c2 c6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.♘b3 a4 13.♘bd4 ♗d7 (13...♕c7!? 14.♕xa4 ♗b7⯹) 14.e5 ♘d5 15.exd6 e5 16.♗xa6 exd4 17.♗d3 dxc3 18.bxc3 ♗g4 19.♘d4 ♕xd6 20.♗d2 ♖fd8∓10.♗xa6 ♖xa6 11.♖e1 a4 12.♘f1 c6 13.♗g5 cxd5 14.exd5 h6 15.♗xf6 exf6!? ∆ f5↑

10...♘c5 11.♕c2

11.f3 e5 12.dxe6 ♘xe6 13.♘2b3 ♖e8 14.♘xe6 ♗xe6 15.♘d4 ♗c8

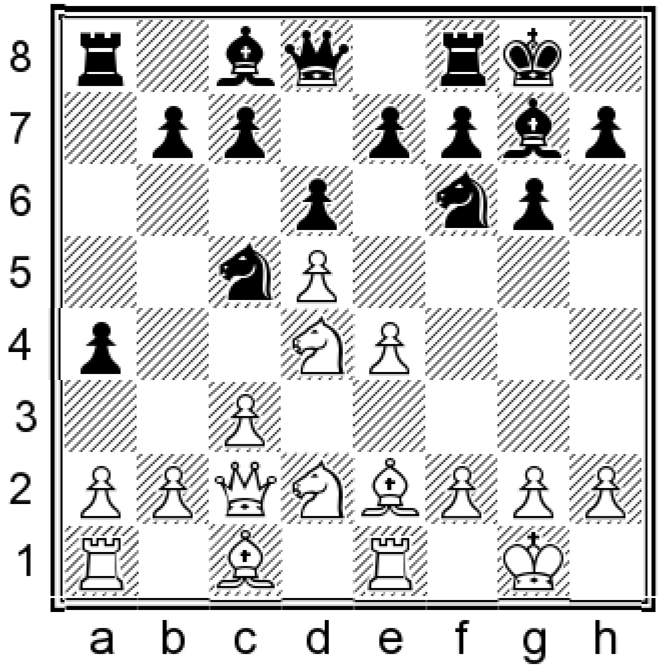


16.♘b5 (16.c4?! c6 17.♖f2 d5 18.cxd5 (18.exd5 ♕b6!∓) 18...cxd5 19.♗b5 ♗d7∓) 16...♗d7 17.♖e1 ♗xb5 18.♗xb5 c6 19.♗d3! a4 (19...d5 20.e5 ♘d7 21.f4 f6 22.e6 ♘c5 23.f5!±) 20.a3 (20.♖b1 ♕c7 21.♗f4 ♘h5⇄) 20...♕c7 (20...♕a5 21.♔h1 ♖e6 22.♗d2 ♖ae8 23.♕c2=) 21.♕e2 (21.♗f4 ♕b6+ 22.♔h1 d5∓) 21...d5 22.e5 ♘d7 23.f4 ♘c5 24.♗e3 ♘xd3 25.♕xd3 f6=

11...a4N

11...e5 12.♘4b3 ♘cd7 13.a4 c6 14.♘c4 cxd5 15.♘xd6 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♕xe4 ♘b6=11...c6!? 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.♘xc6 ♕c7 14.♘d4 a4 15.♖e1 ♗d7=∞

12.♖e1



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12...e5!∓ 13.♘4f3

13.dxe6 fxe6 14.♗c4 (14.h3 e5 15.b4 axb3 16.♘4xb3 ♘e6 17.♘f3 ♕e8 18.♗e3 ♕a4∓) 14...♔h8 (14...c6!? 15.♘2f3 ♘fxe4 16.♗xe6+ (16.♖xe4 d5∓) 16...♘xe6 17.♕xe4 d5 18.♕e2 ♘xd4 19.♘xd4 ♕b6 20.♕d3 c5 21.♘f3 ♗e6∓) 15.♘4f3 (15.e5 dxe5 16.♘4f3 e4 17.♘g5 ♘d3 18.♖f1 b5! 19.♗xe6 (19.♗xb5 ♖a5-+) 19...♗b7∓) (15.♘2f3 e5 16.b4 ♘cxe4 17.♘e6 ♗xe6 18.♗xe6 d5 19.♘g5 ♘xg5 20.♗xg5 ♕d6 21.♗h3 d4∓) 15...e5 16.b4 axb3 17.♘xb3 ♘cxe4! 18.♖xe4 d5 19.♗xd5 (19.♖xe5 dxc4 20.♘bd4 ♘d5∓) 19...♘xd5 20.♗g5 ♕d6∓

13...c6 14.dxc6

14.c4 ♗d7 15.♗f1 ♕b6! 16.♕c3 (16.♘b1? ♘b3!-+) (16.♖b1 cxd5 17.cxd5 ♖fc8 18.♘c4 ♕c7 19.♘cd2 ♘cxe4!∓) 16...♖fc8 17.♕a3 cxd5 18.cxd5 ♕c7 19.♕b4 b5∓

14...bxc6 15.♗f1 ♖e8 16.h3

16.c4 ♕b6 17.h3 ♗d7 18.♕c3 (18.♖b1 d5!∓) 18...♕a7!? 19.♕a3 ♕b7 20.♕e3 ♘e6 21.♘b1 ♘d4∓

16...d5

16...♗d7!? 17.c4 (17.♘c4 ♘fxe4∓) 17...♕b6∓ - 16.c4

17.exd5 e4

17...♗f5 18.♕d1 ♘xd5 19.♘c4 ♕c7 20.♘e3 ♘xe3 21.♗xe3 ♖ed8 22.♕c1 ♘d3 23.♗xd3 ♖xd3 24.b4∓

18.♘d4 cxd5

18...♕xd5 19.♗c4 ♕d7 20.b4 axb3 21.♘2xb3 ♘d3 22.♗xd3 exd3 23.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 24.♕xd3 ♕e1+ 25.♕f1 ♕xf1+ 26.♔xf1 ♘e4 27.♗b2 ♗a6+ 28.♔g1 c5 29.♘c6 ♗b7 30.♘ba5 ♗xc6 31.♘xc6 ♗xc3 32.♗xc3 ♘xc3 33.♔f1∓

19.b3

19.b4

19...♗a6!∓ 20.♗a3 ♘d3 21.♗xd3 ♗xd3 22.♕d1 ♘h5 23.♘f1 f5!?

23...axb3 24.axb3 ♗xf1 25.♖xf1 ♘f4∓ ∆ Nd3

24.♘xf5

24.bxa4 ♘f4 25.♗c1 ♘e6∓

24...♗xc3 25.♘e7+ ♖xe7 26.♗xe7 ♕xe7-+ 27.♘e3 ♗xe1 28.♕xe1 d4 0-1

40. [B10]
Lu, Shanglei (2618) - Mohammad, Nubairshah Shaikh (2414)
Doha 2015 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

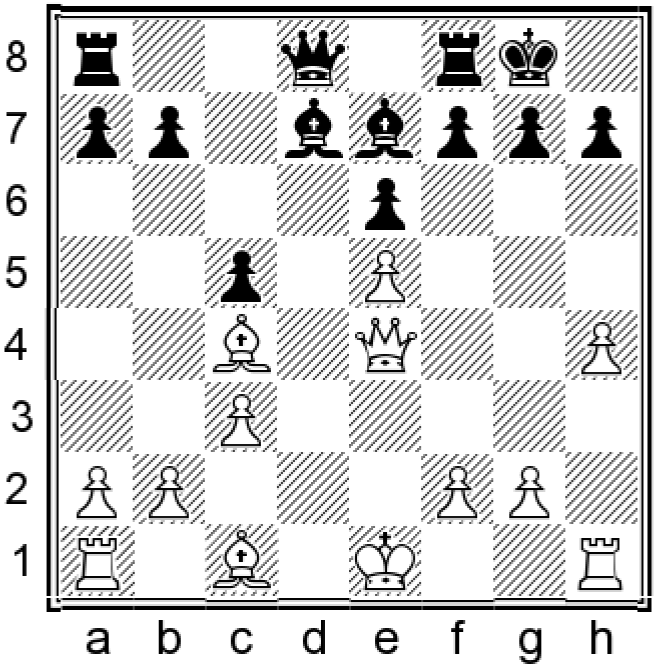
1.e4 c6 2.♘c3 d5 3.♘f3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘f6 5.♕e2 ♘xe4 6.♕xe4 ♘d7

6...♕d5 - 45/(144)

7.♗c4 ♘f6 8.♘e5 e6 9.♕e2 ♗e7 10.c3 O-O 11.d4 ♘d7 12.h4N

12.O-O

12...♘xe5 13.dxe5 c5 14.♕e4↑ ♗d7



15.♗h6!! f5

15...♗c6 16.♕g4+-15...gxh6 16.♗d3 f5 17.exf6 ♖xf6 18.♕xh7+ ♔f8 19.♗g6 ♖xg6 20.♕xg6±

16.exf6 ♖xf6 17.O-O-O!

17.♗g5+-

17...♖xh6 18.♕xb7 ♖b8

18...♗xh4 19.♔b1 ♕c8 20.♕xd7 ♕xd7 21.♖xd7 ♗xf2 22.♖xh6 gxh6 23.♗xe6+ ♔h8 24.♗d5 ♖e8 25.♖xa7+-

19.♕xa7 ♗xh4 20.♔b1! ♕f8 21.♖xd7+- ♔h8 22.f3

22.♖xg7 ♖a8 23.♕b7 ♖b8 24.♖f7 ♖xb7 25.♖xf8+ ♔g7 26.♖f4 ♗g5 27.♖xh6 ♗xh6 28.♖e4+-

22...♕f5+ 23.♗d3 ♕e5 24.♕c7 ♗f6 25.♖c1 ♖h2 26.♕xe5 ♗xe5 27.♗f1 h5 28.♖e7 h4 29.♖xe6 h3 30.♖xe5 hxg2 31.♗e2 ♖d8 32.♔c2 ♔h7 33.♖g1 ♔h6 34.a4 g5 35.a5 1-0

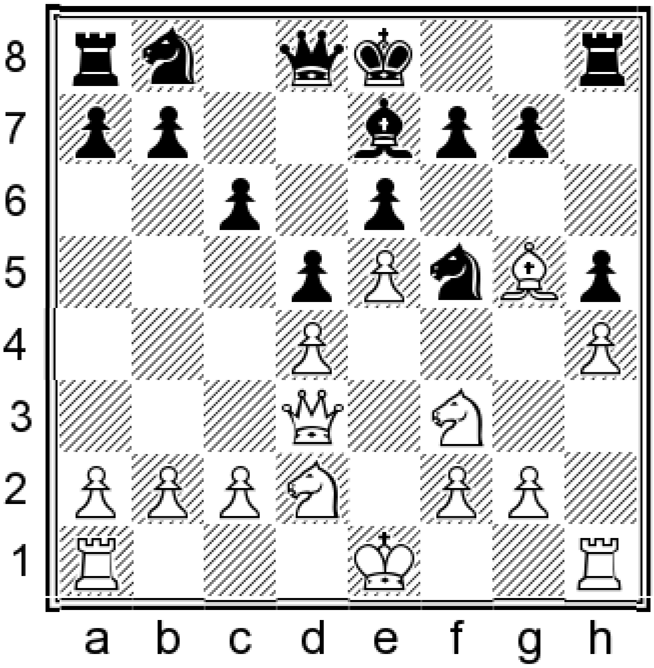
41.** [B12]**
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2743) - Solak, Dragan (2628)
Reykjavtk 2015 [Solak, Dragan]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.♗d3 ♗xd3 6.♕xd3 e6 7.♗g5 ♗e7

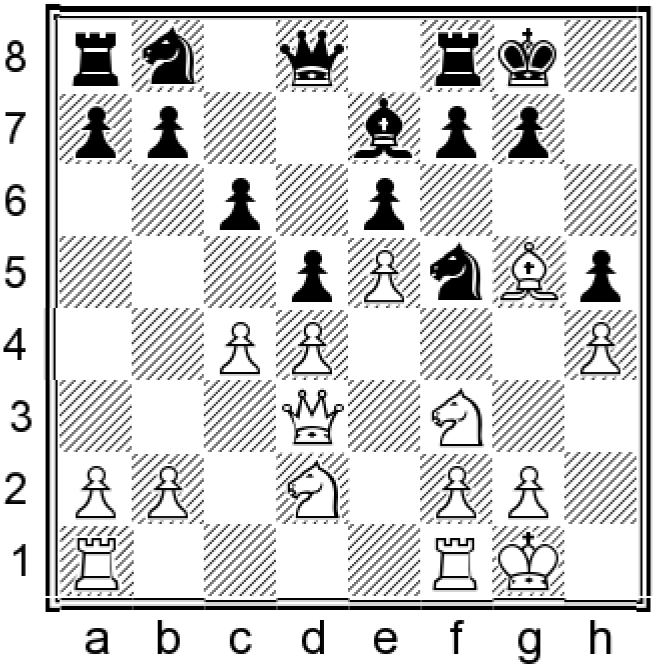
7...♕b6 8.♘d2 c5 9.c4∞ - 126/35

8.♘f3 ♘h6 9.♘c3 - 127/41

9.♘bd2 - 127/(41) 9...♘f5



10.c4N (10.♘f1) 10...♘a6 - 127/(41) (10...O-ON 11.O-O?! Ter Sahakyan, S (2604) -Torosyan, N (2365) Armenia 127/(41) 2016 (11.O-O

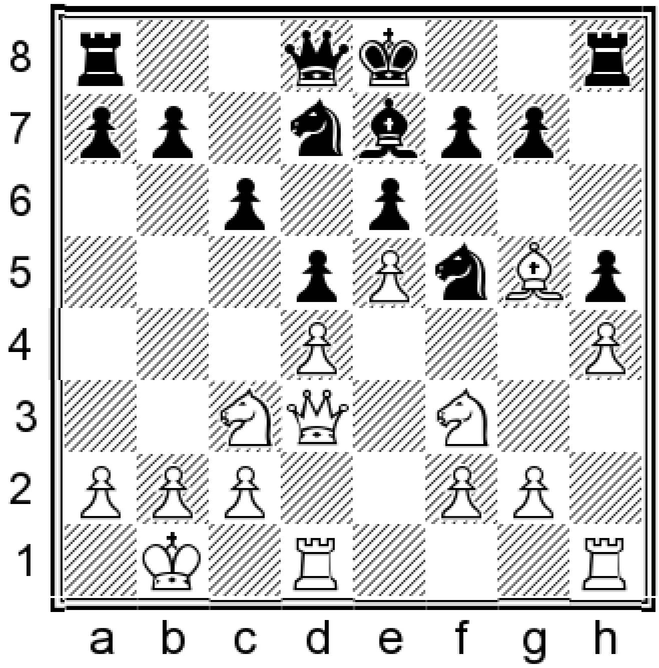


11...♘xh4! 12.♗xh4 ♗xh4 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.♕b5 b6∓) (11.g3=)) 11.♗xe7 ♕xe7 12.c5 ♘b8 13.g3 b6 14.♖c1 O-O 15.O-O ♖c8 16.b4 ♕b7 17.♖b1 ♕a6 18.♕c3 ♘d7 19.♖b3± Triapishko, O (2459) -Alekseenko, K (2540) Russia 127/(41) 20159.♗xh6N ♖xh6 10.♘c3 ♕a5 11.♘g5 c5 12.♕b5+ ♕xb5 13.♘xb5 ♘a6 14.c3= Tate, A (2337) -Kreisl, R (2442) Reykjavik 127/(41) 2015

9...♘f5 10.O-O-O

10.♘e2 c5 11.dxc5N (11.c3) 11...♘a6 12.♕b5+ ♕d7 13.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 14.♗xe7 ♔xe7 15.b4 b6 16.cxb6 ♘xb4∞ Adams, M (2744) -Navara, D (2730) Wijk aan Zee 127/(41) 2016

10...♘d7 11.♔b1N

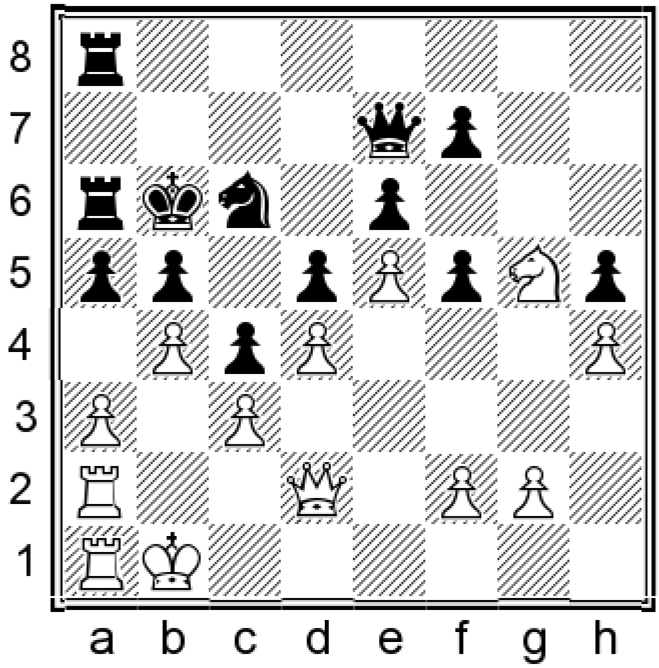


11.♘e2

11...♖c8

11...c5? 12.♘xd5!±

12.♘e2 c5 13.c3 c4!? 14.♕d2 b5 15.♘g3 g6 16.♘xf5 gxf5 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♘g5 ♖b8 19.b4 a5 20.a3 ♖a8 21.♔b2 ♘b8 22.♖a1 ♘c6 23.♖hb1 ♖a6 24.♖a2 ♔d7 25.♖ba1 ♔c7 26.♔b1 ♖ha8 27.♔b2 ♔b6 28.♔b1



28...♔c7

28...f4! 29.♕xf4! axb4 30.axb4 ♖xa2 31.♖xa2 ♖xa2 32.♔xa2 ♘xb4+ 33.♔b1! (33.cxb4 ♕xb4 34.♕f6 ♕d2+ 35.♔b1 ♔a5!!-+) 33...♘d3 34.♕f6! ♕xf6 35.exf6 ♘xf2 36.♘xf7 ♘g4 37.♘g5 ♘xf6 38.♘xe6 b4! 39.cxb4! ♔b5 40.♔c2 ♔xb4 41.♘f4 c3 42.♘e2 ♔c4 43.♘xc3 ♔xd4 44.♘e2+ ♔e3 45.♘g3! ♔f2 46.♘xh5! ♘xh5 47.♔d3! ♔g3 48.♔d4 ♘f6 49.h5

♔g4 50.h6 ♔f5 51.h7=

29.♔b2 ♔b6 30.♔b1 ♔c7 1/2-1/2

42. [B12]
Adams, Michael (2744) - Navara, David (2730)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.♗d3 ♗xd3 6.♕xd3 e6 7.♗g5 ♗e7 8.♘f3 ♘h6 9.♘c3 ♘f5 10.♘e2

10.O-O-O

10...c5 11.dxc5N

11.c3 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♕a5+ 13.♗d2 ♕a6 14.♕xa6 ♘xa6=

11...♘a6

11...♕a5+ 12.c3 ♕xc5∞

12.♕b5+

12.♗xe7 ♕xe7 13.♕b5+ ♕d7 14.♕a5 O-O 15.c3 ♖fc8 16.b4 ♘b8=∞

12...♕d7 13.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 14.♗xe7 ♔xe7 15.b4 b6

15...♘xb4 16.♖b1 a5 17.♔d2 (17.a3 ♘xc2+ 18.♔d1 ♘xa3 19.♖xb7+) 17...♖ab8 18.c3 ♘a6 19.♘fd4 ♘xc5 (19...g6 20.c6!?∞) 20.♘xf5+ exf5 21.♖hd1=∞

16.cxb6 ♘xb4 17.♘ed4

17.♔d2 axb6 18.♖hb1 ♘c6 (18...♘a6 19.♖xb6 ♘c5 20.a4!±) 19.♖xb6 ♘a5=∞

17...♘xd4 18.♘xd4 axb6 19.♖b1 ♖xa2 20.♔d2 ♘a6 21.♖xb6

21.♖a1 ♖xa1 22.♖xa1 ♖a8 23.♖b1 ♘c5 24.♖xb6=

21...♘c5 22.♖c6 ♘e4+ 23.♔e2 ♖b8

23...♖a4 24.♖b1! ♖xd4 25.♖b7+ ♔d8 26.♖a6 (26.♖cc7=) 26...♖c4 27.♖b8+ ♔c7 28.♖xh8 ♖xc2+ 29.♔e3 ♖c3+ 30.♔e2=

24.♖c7+ ♔e8 25.♖d1 ♖a3 26.♖d3 ♖xd3 27.cxd3 ♖b2+ 28.♖c2 ♖xc2+ 29.♘xc2 ♘c5 30.d4 ♘e4 31.♘e3 1/2-1/2

43. [B12]
Hou, Yifan (2673) - Navara, David (2730)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘d7 6.O-O ♗g6 7.♘bd2 ♘h6 8.♘b3 ♘f5 9.♗d2 ♗e7 10.g4 ♘h4

10...♘h6

11.♘xh4 ♗xh4 12.f4 f5

12...♗e4 - 111/(49)

13.c4!? a5N

13...♗e7 - 105/(30)

14.a4 O-O

14...♗e7

15.g5 h6

15...b6 16.♖c1 h6 17.gxh6 gxh6 18.♔h1↑

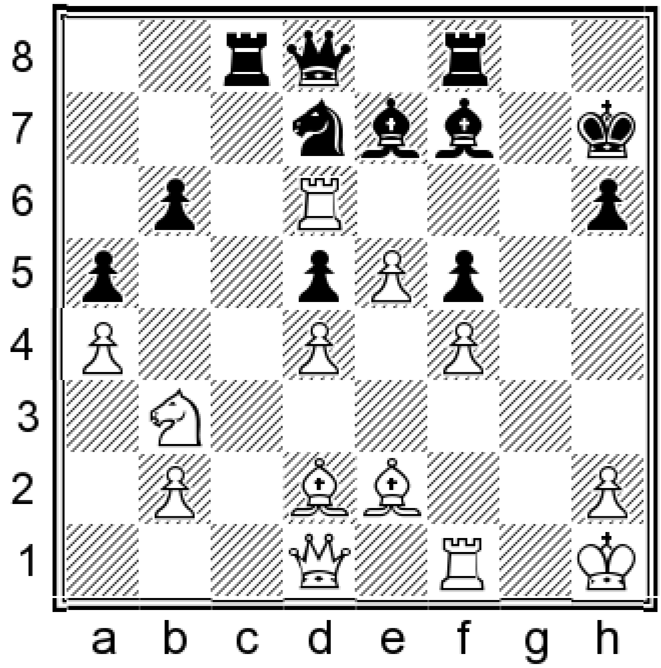
16.gxh6 gxh6 17.♔h1

17.cxd5 cxd5 18.♗xa5 ♖xa5 19.♘xa5 ♕xa5 20.♗h5 ♗h7 21.♔h1 ♔h8 22.♖a3! Δ Rh3↑

17...♔h7 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.♖c1 b6 20.♖c6 ♖c8?

20...♗f7

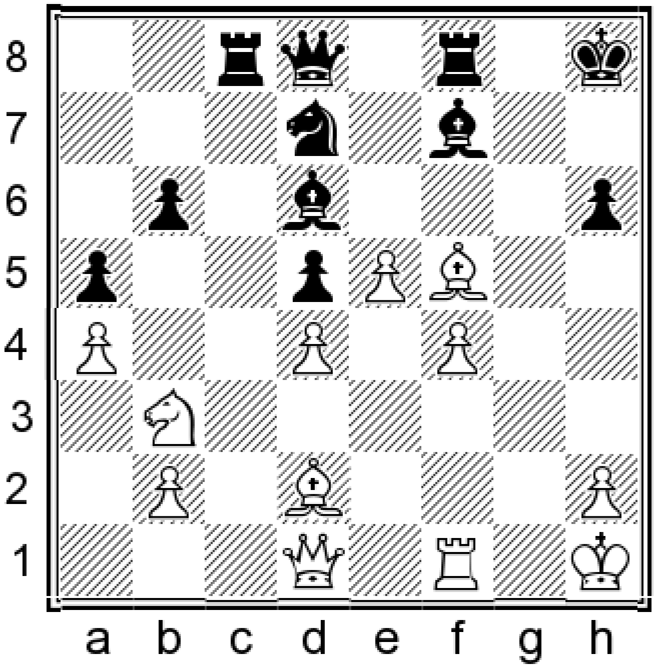
21.♖xe6 ♗f7 22.♖d6 ♗e7



23.♗d3

23.♘xa5! bxa5 (23...♗xd6 24.♘b7+-) 24.♖a6 ♖a8 (24...♘b8 25.♗xa5 ♕d7 26.♗b5 ♘c6 27.e6! (27.♕c1 ♗e8) 27...♗xe6 28.♕c1 ♘b8 29.♗xd7 ♖xc1 30.♖xc1 ♗xd7 31.♖a7+-) 25.♗xa5 ♕c8 26.♖xa8 ♕xa8 27.♗c3±

23...♗xd6 24.♗xf5+ ♔h8



25.♕g4!

25.exd6 ♖c6∞

25...♖c7

25...♖g8 26.♕h3 ♗f8 27.e6 ♗g6 28.♗xg6 ♖xg6 29.exd7 ♖c7 30.f5 ♕xd7 31.♗f4 ♖cc6 32.♗e5+ ♔g8 33.♘d2±

26.♕h3 h5 27.exd6 ♖a7 28.♗e6 ♘f6

28...♕e8 29.♖e1 ♘f6 30.f5 ♘e4 31.♖xe4! dxe4 32.d5+-

29.f5 ♕xd6 30.♗f4 ♕d8

30...♕e7 31.♗e5 ♔h7 32.♘d2± (32.♖g1 ♖g8 33.♖xg8 ♔xg8 34.♕g3+ ♔h7 35.♕g5 ♘e8 36.♕g2 ♖c7 37.h3 ♖c6 38.♕xd5 ♖xe6 39.fxe6 ♕xe6 40.♕xe6 ♗xe6 41.♘d2 ♗xh3 42.♘c4±)

31.♗e5 ♗g8

31...♔h7 32.♘d2+- Δ Nf3-g5

32.♕xh5+ ♖h7 33.♕g5 ♕e7 34.♘c1! ♕g7 35.♕xg7+ ♖xg7 36.♘d3 ♖g4

36...♔h7 37.♘f4 ♔h6 38.♖c1+-

37.♘f4 ♔h7 38.h3 ♖g3 39.♘g6 ♖xh3+ 40.♔g2 1-0

44. [B20]**
Aravindh, Chithambaram VR (2486) - Carlsen, Magnus (2834)
Doha 2015 [Tadic, Branko]

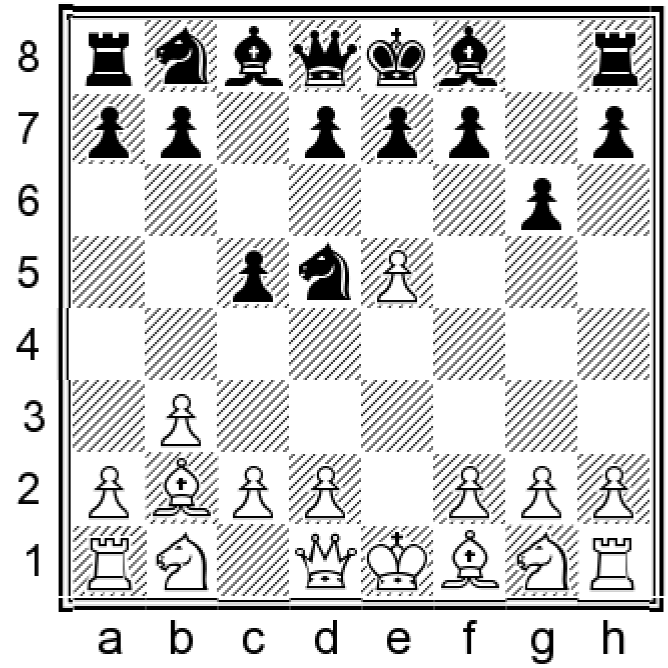
1.e4 c5 2.b3 g6!?

2...b6 - 123/50

3.♗b2 ♘f6 4.e5

4.♗xf6?! exf6 5.♘c3 ♗g7∞

4...♘d5



5.e6

5.d4 ♕a5+ 6.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 7.♘xd2 cxd4 8.♘gf3 ♗g7=5.♗c4 ♘b6 6.e6 f6 7.exd7+ ♕xd7 8.♗d3 ♗g7 9.♘c3 ♘c6N (9...e5 - 127/(44) 10.a4N (10.♘ge2) 10...♘c6 11.♘f3 f5 12.a5 e4 13.axb6 exd3 14.O-O O-O 15.♘a4 ♘b4?! Midonet, M (2211) -Kashlinskaya, A (2462) Gibraltar 127/(44) 2016 (15...♘b4 16.♘xc5 dxc2 17.♕e2 ♕d5 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♕e7+ ♖f7 20.♕e3±) (15...♕d6∞)) 10.a4 a5 11.♗b5 (11.♗a3!?) 11...O-O 12.♘f3 e5 13.O-O ♕c7 14.d3 ♗g4 15.h3 ♗xf3 16.♕xf3 ♘d4 17.♕d1= Verneuil, P (2205) -Kosteniuk, A (2550) Gibraltar 127/(44) 2016

5...f6 6.exd7+ ♕xd7 7.♘c3 ♘c6 8.♗b5N

8.♗c4 ♘b6 9.♗d3∞

8...♘c7 9.♗xc6

9.♗c4 ♗g7 10.♘f3 b6=

9...♕xc6 10.♕f3 ♗d7 11.O-O-O e5 12.♕xc6 ♗xc6∓ 13.f3 ♘e6 14.♘ge2 ♗e7

14...♗g7 15.♘e4 ♖d8↑

15.♖hf1 b5

15...♔f7∓

16.♖de1 ♔f7 17.♘d1 a5 18.♘e3 ♗d6

18...g5 19.♘g3 a4 20.♘gf5 h5∓18...a4 19.f4! exf4 20.♘xf4 ♘xf4 21.♖xf4∞18...♖he8!?

19.♘c3 h5 20.a4 b4

20...bxa4 21.♘xa4 ♗e7 22.♘c4 ♖a6 23.♗c3⇄

21.♘e4 ♗c7 22.♘c4 h4 23.g4

23.♘xf6!? ♔xf6 24.♘xe5 ♗d5! 25.♘g4+ ♔f7 26.♗xh8 ♖xh8∞

23...hxg3 24.hxg3 ♖h3 25.g4

25.f4 ♗xe4 26.♖xe4 exf4 27.gxf4 ♖ah8∞

25...♖d8?!

25...♔e7? 26.g5 f5 27.♘f2±25...♗xe4 26.fxe4 (26.♖xe4 ♖ah8) 26...♔g7∓25...g5 26.♘e3 ♖ah8↑

26.g5 ♗xe4

26...♘xg5 27.♗xe5!+-26...f5 27.♗xe5!+-

27.fxe4 ♘f4

27...♘xg5 28.♗xe5 ♗xe5 29.♘xe5+ ♔g7 30.♘c4±

28.gxf6! ♔e6

28...♔xf6? 29.♖xf4++-

29.♘e3

29.d3 g5 30.f7 ♖f8 31.♖g1 ♔f6 32.♔d1 ♖xf7 33.♗c1 ♖g7 34.♖g4 ♖h4 35.♘e3±

29...g5 30.♘d5

30.d3±

30...♗d6 31.♖g1 ♖g8

31...♘xd5 32.exd5+ ♔xf6 33.♖gf1+ ♔g6 34.♗xe5±

32.♖g4

32.♔d1!?

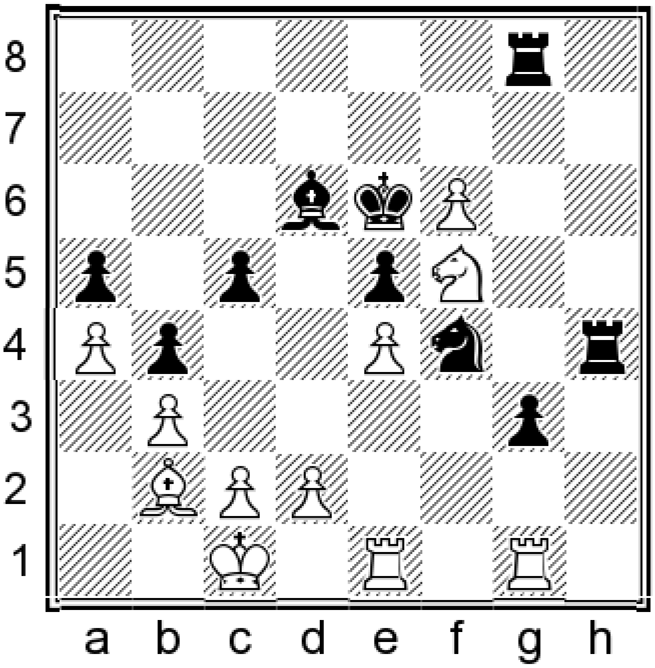
32...♖h4 33.♖gg1

33.♖xh4 gxh4 34.♘xf4+ exf4∓

33...g4 34.♘e3

34.♘xf4+ exf4 35.e5 ♗c7∓

34...g3 35.♘f5?



35.f7! ♖g5 36.♗xe5! ♖xe5 37.♘c4 g2 38.♘xd6 ♖h8 39.♘f5 ♔xf7 40.d3 ♖e6∓

35...♖hh8!

35...♖h3 36.f7 ♔xf7 37.♘xd6++-

36.f7

36.♘xg3 ♖xg3 (36...♖h3-+) 37.♖xg3 ♘e2+-+36.♖xg3 ♘e2+-+

36...♖g6 37.♔d1 g2

37...g2 38.d3 (38.♖e3 ♗c7-+ (38...♘h3 39.♖xh3 ♖xh3 40.♘xd6)) 38...♘h3-+0-1

45. [B20]
Carlsen, Magnus (2844) - Caruana, Fabiano (2787)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.g3 g6 2.♗g2 ♗g7 3.e4 e5 4.♘e2 c5 5.d3

5.b4!? cxb4 6.a3 bxa3 7.♘xa3=∞

5...♘c6 6.♗e3 d6 7.♕d2

7.c3

7...♘d4N

7...♘ge7 8.♗h6 ♗xh6 9.♕xh6 ♕b6 10.♘bc3 ♕xb2 11.O-O=∞

8.c3 ♘xe2 9.♕xe2 ♘e7 10.h4 h6

10...♗e6 11.h5 ♕d7 12.♘d2 O-O-O 13.h6 ♗f6∞

11.h5 g5 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 gxf4 14.♗xf4 ♘c6!

14...♗e6 15.♗h3! ♕d7 16.♗xe6 ♕xe6 17.♘a3 O-O-O 18.O-O-O ♗e5 19.♗xe5 ♕xe5 20.♖de1±

15.♘a3

15.♘d2±

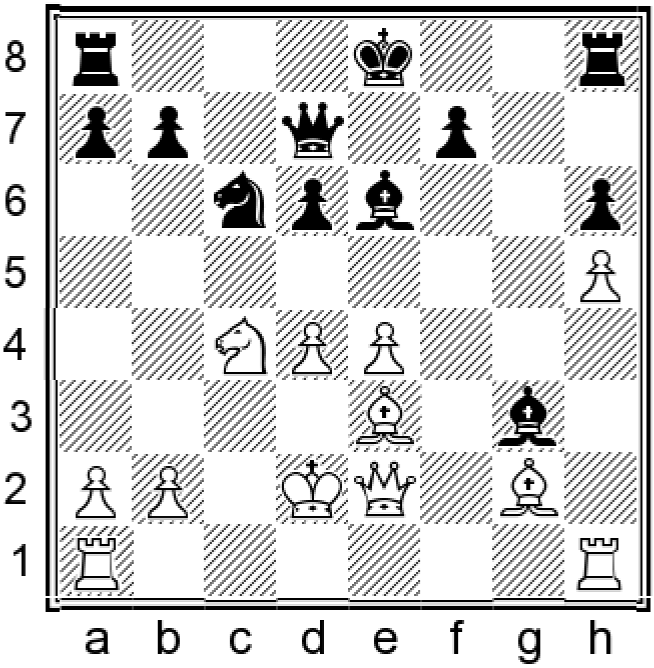
15...♗e5 16.♗e3 ♗e6

16...b5 17.♘c2± (17.♘xb5 ♖b8 18.♘a3 ♗e6=∞)

17.♘c4

17.O-O-O!? ♗xa2 18.♗h3↑

17...♗g3+ 18.♔d2 ♕d7 19.d4! cxd4 20.cxd4



20...♘e5!

20...b5 21.♘a3 b4 22.♘c4 ♘e5 23.♘xe5 dxe5 24.d5±

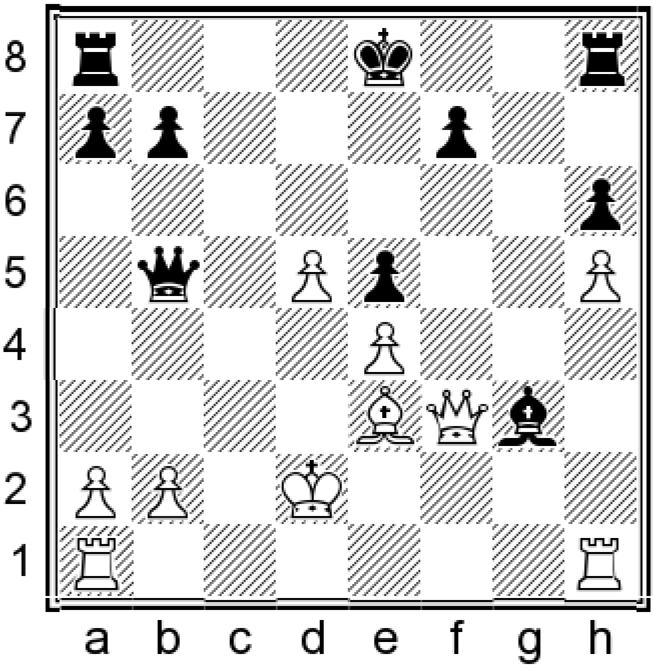
21.♘xe5

21.dxe5? dxe5+ 22.♔c2 (22.♕d3 ♗xc4∓) 22...♖c8∓

21...dxe5 22.d5 ♗g4?!

22...f5 23.♗h3!±22...♖g8!? 23.♖ac1 ♗g4 24.♗f3 f5⇄

23.♗f3 ♗xf3 24.♕xf3 ♕b5



25.♖ac1?!

25.♕xg3 ♕xb2+ 26.♔d3 ♕b5+ 27.♔d2 ♕b2+=25.b3 ♕b4+ 26.♔d3 ♗f4 27.♖hc1 ♗xe3 28.♕xe3 ♖g8 29.♖c4 ♕a3 30.♕f2±

25...♕xb2+ 26.♔d1

26.♖c2!? ♕b4+ 27.♔d1 ♕b1+ 28.♗c1 ♗f4 29.♖g1∞

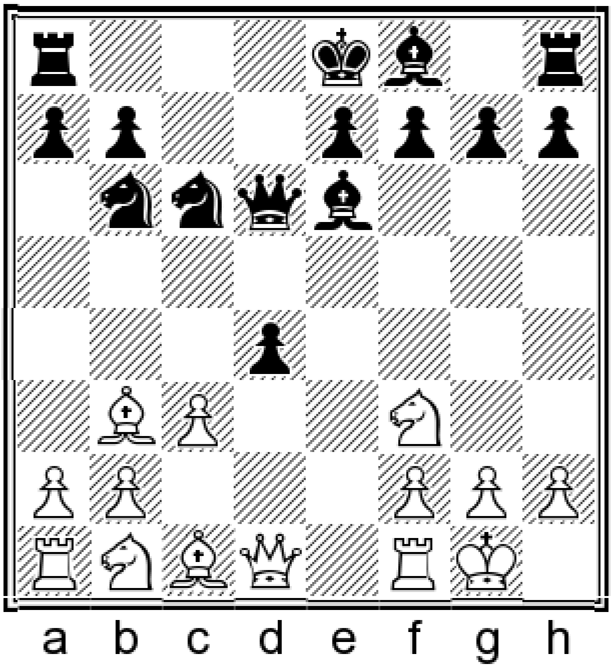
26...♗f4 27.♗xf4 exf4 28.♕xf4 ♖g8! 29.♖f1 ♕d4+ 30.♔e1

30.♕d2 ♕a4+ 31.♖c2 ♖c8=

30...♕b4+ 31.♔d1 ♕d4+ 32.♔e1 ♕b4+ 1/2-1/2

46. [B22]
Howell, David (2688) - Pert, Nicholas (2572)
Great Britain (ch-m/6) 2015 [Howell, David]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♗c4 ♘b6 7.♗b3 d5 8.exd6 ♕xd6 9.O-O ♗e6



10.♘xd4!

10.♘a3 - 88/9410.♗xe6 - 105/213

10...♘xd4

10...♗xb3 11.axb3 ♘xd4 12.♗e3!↑

11.cxd4 ♗xb3 12.♕xb3 e6

12...♕xd4 13.♗e3 ♕a4 (13...♕c4? 14.♗xb6 ♕xb3 15.axb3+-) 14.♘c3 ♕xb3 15.axb3±

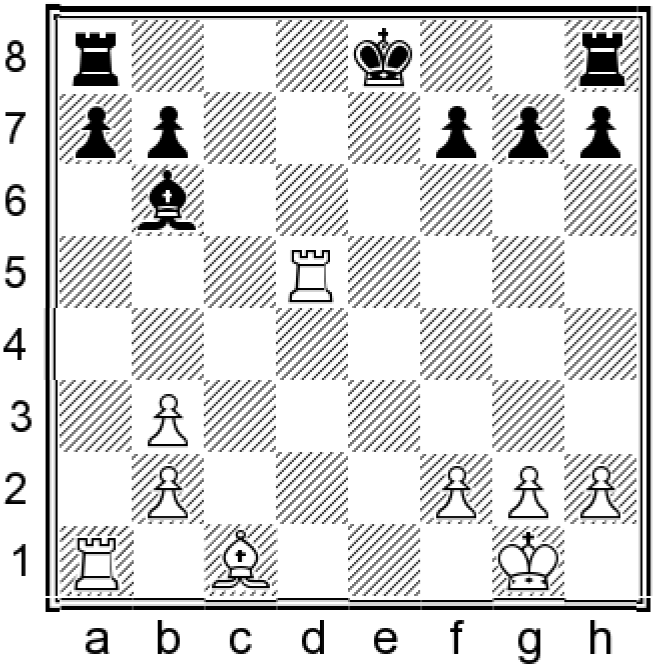
13.♘c3 ♕b4

13...♗e7 14.d5 exd5 (14...♘xd5 15.♖d1 ♖d8 16.♘xd5 exd5 17.♕xb7±) 15.♗e3 O-O 16.♗xb6 axb6 17.♘xd5±

14.d5 ♕xb3 15.axb3 ♘xd5 16.♘xd5 exd5 17.♖d1 ♗c5N

17...♗e7! 18.♖xd5 O-O 19.♗e3 ♖ad8 20.♖xd8 ♖xd8 21.♔f1 (21.♗xa7? ♖a8 22.♖a5 ♗d8 23.♖a3 ♗e7=) 21...a6 22.♖c1=

18.♖xd5 ♗b6



19.♖e5+ ♔f8

19...♔d7 20.♗f4 ♖ad8 21.♖d1+ ♔c6 22.♖c1+ ♔d7 23.♖d1+=

20.♗e3 f6

20...♗xe3 21.♖xe3 g6 22.♖c3 a6 23.♖c7 b5=

21.♗c5+ ♔f7 22.♖e7+ ♔g6 23.♗xb6?!

23.b4! ♗xc5 24.bxc5 ♖hc8 25.♖c1 ♖ab8 26.♖c3↑

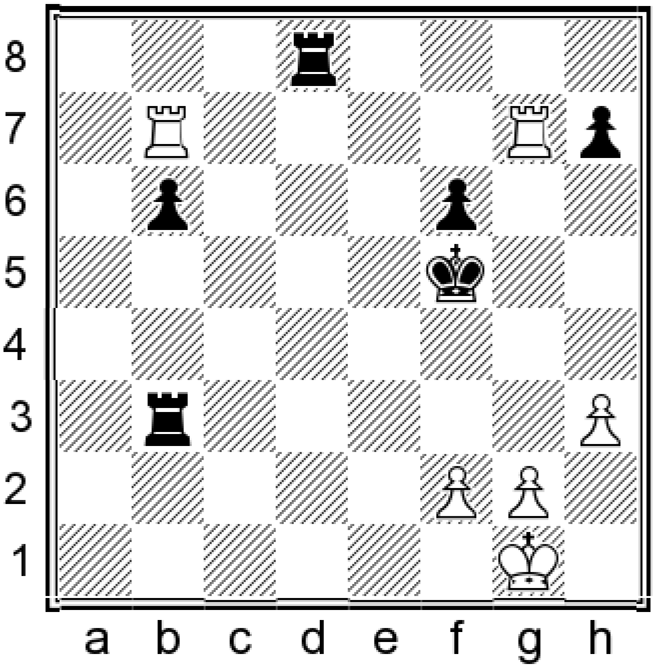
23...axb6 24.♖ae1 ♖hd8 25.♖xb7 ♖a2?!

25...♖d3! 26.h3 (26.♖xb6 ♖a2 27.h3 ♖xb2 28.♖e3 ♖xe3 29.fxe3 ♖e2 30.♖e6 ♖b2= Pert, Nicholas) 26...♖xb3 27.♖ee7 ♖g8=

26.h3 ♖xb2 27.♖ee7 ♖xb3

27...♖g8 28.♖xb6±

28.♖xg7+ ♔f5



29.♖xh7

29.g4+!

29...♖d1+ 30.♔h2 ♖d2 31.f3 ♖bb2

31...♖xf3 32.♖xb6 ♖ff2 33.♖g7±

32.♖hg7 ♔f4 33.♖bf7 ♖d6

33...f5 34.♖g4+ ♔e3 (34...♔e5 35.♖g5 ♔e6 36.♖fxf5 ♖xg2+ 37.♖xg2+-) 35.♖xf5 ♔f2 36.h4 ♖d1 37.♖gg5! ♖bb1 38.♔h3 ♖h1+ 39.♔g4 ♔xg2 40.♖b5+-

34.h4 f5 35.h5 ♖b5 36.♖g6 ♖d1

36...♖bd5 37.♔h3+-

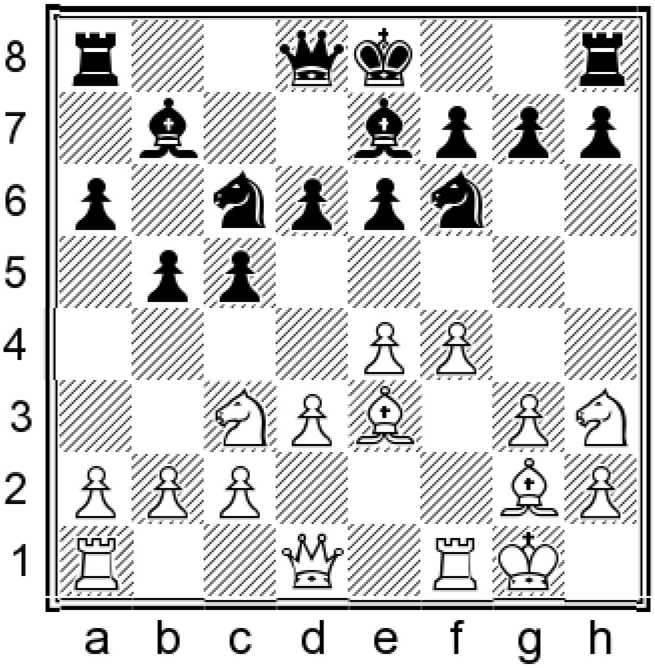
37.♖gf6 ♖dd5 38.h6 ♔e3 39.h7 ♖d8 40.♖f8 1-0

47. !N [B23]
Wen, Yang (2609) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2674)
Moscow 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 a6 3.g3 b5 4.♗g2 ♗b7 5.d3 e6 6.♘h3

6.f4 - 80/119

6...d6 7.O-O ♘f6 8.f4 ♘c6 9.♗e3 ♗e7?!



⌓9...♖b8 10.a3 (10.f5 b4 11.fxe6!? (11.♘a4 exf5 12.exf5 ♗e7 13.♘f4 O-O∞) 11...bxc3 12.exf7+ ♔xf7 13.bxc3⯹) 10...♗e7 11.f5 exf5 12.exf5 O-O 13.♘f4 ♖e8⇄

10.e5!N

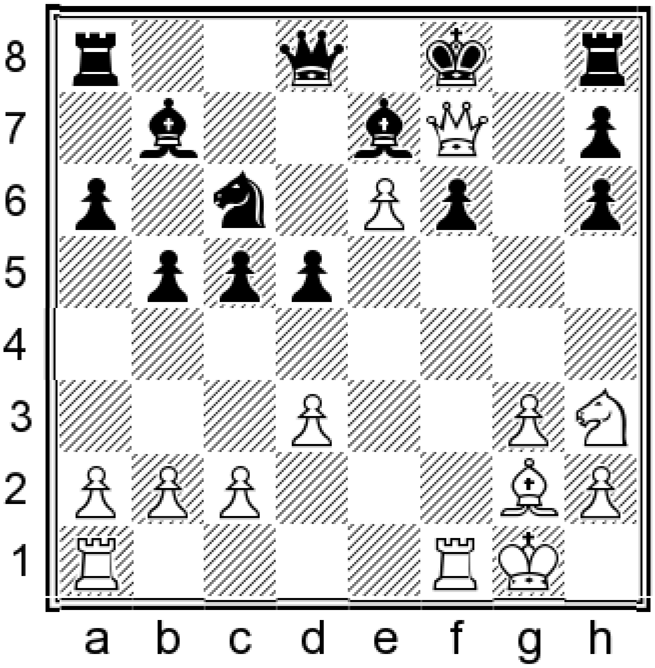
10.a4

10...dxe5

10...♘d7 11.exd6 ♗xd6 12.f5↑10...♘d5 11.♘xd5 exd5 12.♗xd5 dxe5 13.♕f3↑

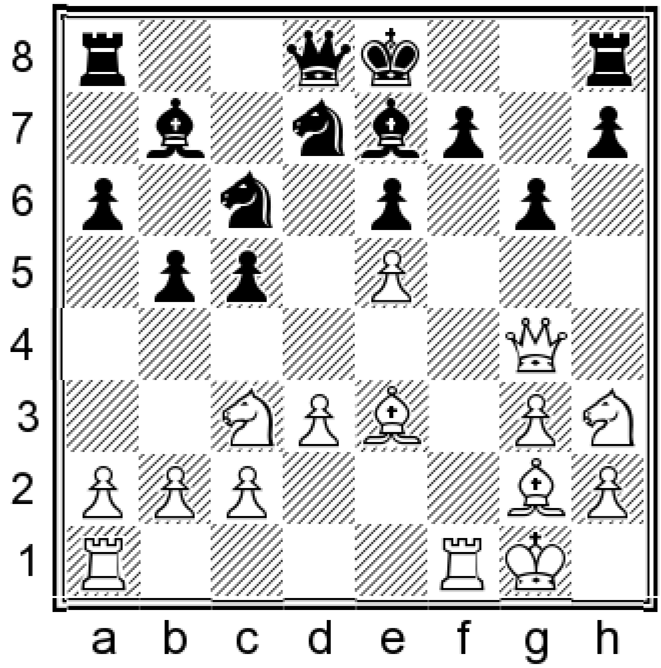
11.fxe5 ♘d7

11...♘d5?! 12.♘xd5 exd5 13.e6 f6 (13...fxe6 14.♘f4±) 14.♗h6! ♖g8 (14...gxh6 15.♕h5+ ♔f8 16.♕f7#



) (14...♔f8 15.♘f4→) 15.♗f4±

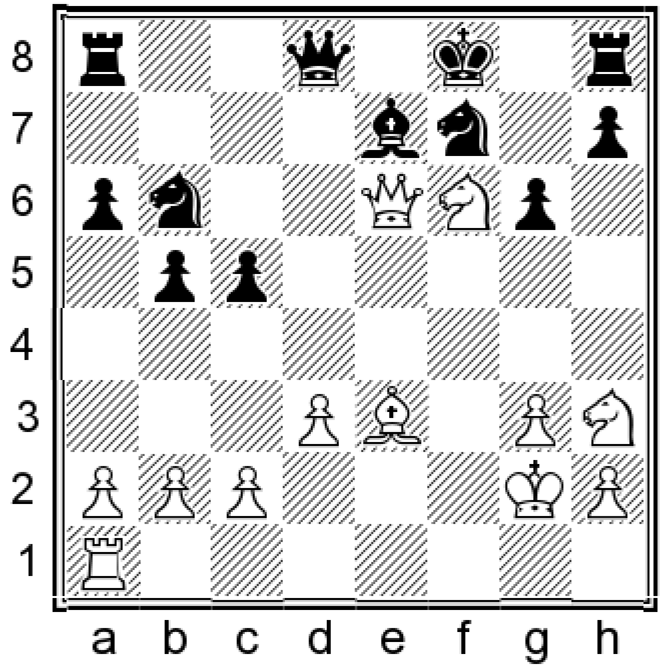
12.♕g4 g6?



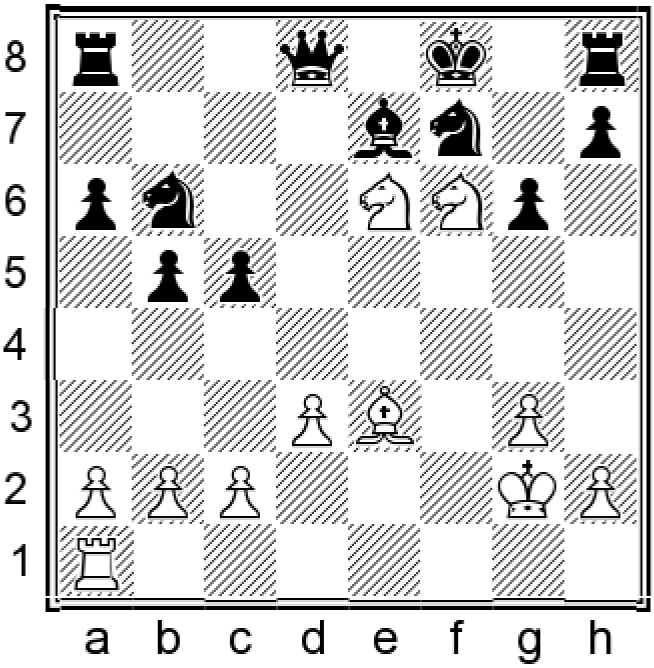
12...O-O 13.♗h6 g6 14.♗xf8 ♕xf8 15.♕f4 ♕g7 16.♖ae1±

13.♖xf7!! ♔xf7

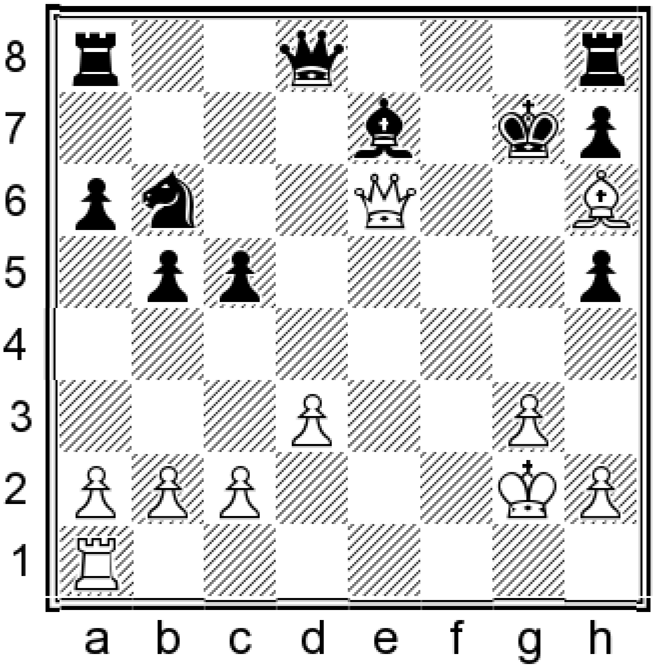
13...♘cxe5 14.♕xe6 ♗xg2 15.♔xg2 ♘xf7 16.♘d5 ♘b6 (16...O-O 17.♘xe7+ ♔g7 18.♘f4 ♖e8 19.♘fd5+-) 17.♘f6+ ♔f8



18.♘g5! ♘xg5 (18...♘d6 19.♕f7+! ♘xf7 20.♘e6#



) 19.♗xg5 ♔g7 (19...♗xf6 20.♗h6++-) 20.♘h5+! gxh5 21.♗h6#



13...♘dxe5 14.♕xe6 ♕d7 15.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 16.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 17.♗xc5+ ♔d7 18.♘d5+-

14.♖f1+ ♔e8

14...♔g7 15.♘f4! ♘f8 16.♘h5+ ♔g8 17.♕f4 ♕e8 18.♘f6+ ♗xf6 19.exf6 ♕f7 20.♘e4 ♘d4 21.♗xd4 ♗xe4 22.♗xe4 ♖c8 23.♗e5 h6 24.♗b7+-

15.♕xe6 ♘dxe5

15...♕c7 16.♘d5 ♕xe5 17.♘f6+! ♕xf6 (17...♘xf6 18.♗xc6++-) 18.♖xf6 ♘d8 19.♗xb7 ♘xe6 20.♖xe6 ♖b8 (20...♔f7 21.♗d5 ♘f6 22.♘g5++-) 21.♗g5+-

16.♘e4

16.♗xc6+ ♘xc6 (16...♗xc6 17.♕xe5 ♔d7 18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.♕xd5+ ♔c7 20.♗f4+ ♔b6 21.♕e6+ ♔b7 22.♗g5+- ∆ Rf7) 17.♘e4

16...♕c7 17.♘f4?!

17.♘hg5! ♔d8 18.♘xc5 ♗xc5 19.♗xc5 ♘d7 (19...♕d7 20.♕f6+) 20.♗h3+- (20.♘f7++-)

17...♗c8?

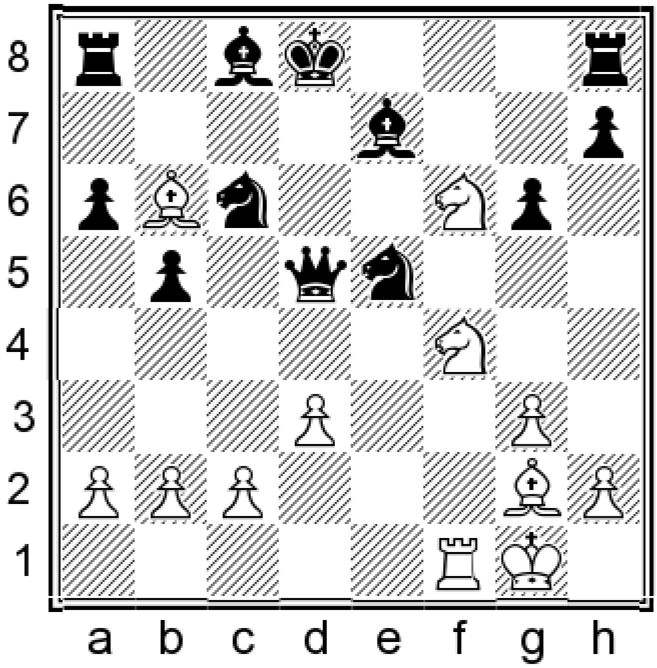
17...♔d8! 18.♘xc5 (18.♗xc5 ♕d7∞) 18...♗xc5 19.♕f6+ (19.♗xc5 ♘d7 20.♗h3↑) 19...♔c8 20.♕xh8+ ♘d8 21.d4 ♘f7 22.♕xh7 ♕e7 23.♗xb7+ ♔xb7 24.♘g2±

18.♘f6+ ♔d8 19.♕d5+ ♕d6

19...♗d7 20.♘e6+19...♗d6 20.♗xc5 ♘f7 21.♘e4+-

20.♗xc5!

20.♗xc5 ♕xd5? 21.♗b6#



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48. [B27]
Sanduleac, Vasile (2386) - Tarlev, Konstantin (2556)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 g6 3.c3 ♗g7 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.e5

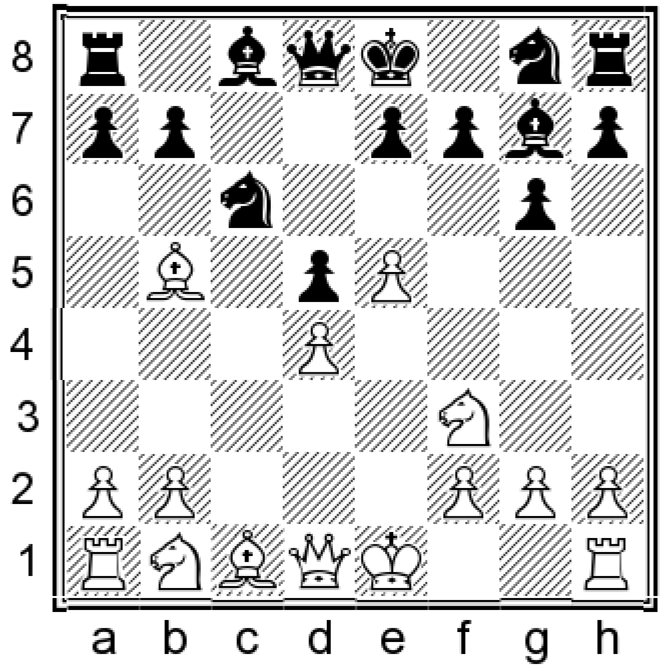
6.exd5 - 99/(79)

6...♘c6

6...♗g4 7.♗b5+ ♘c6 8.♗xc6+ (8.h3 ♗xf3 9.♕xf3 ♘h6 10.O-O ♘f5 11.♕d3 f6⇄) 8...bxc6 9.♘bd2 ♘h6 (9...e6 10.O-O ♘e7 11.h3 ♗xf3 12.♘xf3 ♕b6 13.b3 O-O 14.♗a3±) 10.h3 ♗xf3 11.♘xf3 O-O 12.O-O f6 13.♗f4 ♘f7 14.♖e1 ♕b6 15.♕d2±

7.h3

7.♗b5



7...♘h6 (7...♗d7 8.♘c3 a6 9.♗a4!? (9.♗xc6 ♗xc6 10.O-O e6 11.♗g5 ♕d7 (11...♘e7 12.♘a4±) 12.♕d2 (12.♘e1 f6⇄) 12...h6 13.♗h4 g5 14.♗g3 ♘e7⇄) 9...b5 10.♗b3 e6 11.h4!?↑) 8.O-O (8.♘c3 ♗g4!⇄) (8.♗xc6+ bxc6 9.O-O O-O 10.♗f4 (10.♖e1 f6⇄) 10...♘f5 (10...♗g4 11.♘bd2 f6 12.h3 ♗f5 13.♖e1±) 11.♘c3 (11.g4 ♗h6∞) 11...f6⇄) 8...O-O (8...♗g4 9.♗xc6+ bxc6 10.♘bd2 - 6...Bg4) 9.b3 (9.♘c3 ♗g4⇄) (9.h3!?) 9...♗g4 10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.♘bd2 f6 12.h3 ♗f5⇄ Δ Nf7

7...♘h6

7...♗f5 8.♘c3 ♗e4!? 9.♘g5 ♗f5 10.g4 ♗c8 11.f4!? h5 12.♗g2 hxg4 13.hxg4 (13.♗xd5 ♘h6! 14.hxg4 ♗xg4∞) 13...♖xh1+ 14.♗xh1 ♘h6 15.♗f3±7...f6 8.♗b5 ♘h6 9.exf6 exf6 10.O-O O-O 11.♖e1 ♘f5 12.♘c3 ♕d6 13.♗a4±

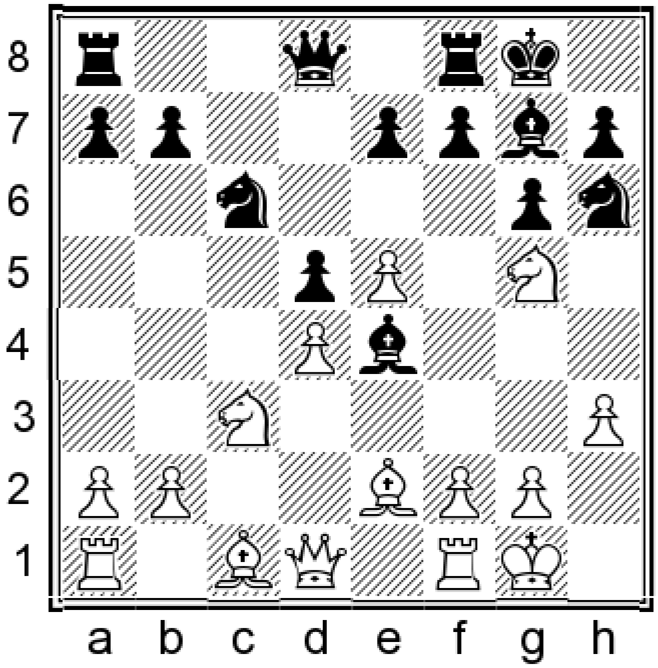
8.♘c3 O-O

8...f6 9.exf6 exf6 10.♕b3 ♘f5 11.♗e3±8...♗f5 9.♗b5 O-O 10.O-O ♗e4 11.♘g5 ♗f5 12.g4 ♗c8 13.♘f3±

9.♗e2

9.♗b5 - 12/328

9...♗f5 10.O-O ♗e4!? 11.♘g5



11.♘e1 ♕b6⇄11.g4 f6⇄

11...♕b6⇄

11...♖c8?! 12.g4! Δ♕b6 13.♗e3! ♕xb2 14.♕c1 ♕xc1 15.♖axc1 ♖fd8 16.♖fd1 ♘b4 17.♘gxe4 dxe4 18.♘xe4 ♘c2 19.♔g2 ♘xe3+ 20.fxe3±

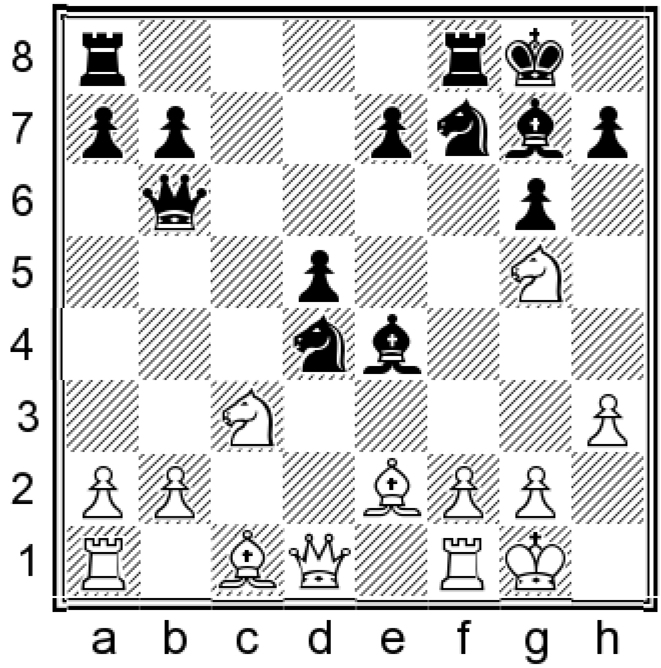
12.e6

12.♗e3 ♘f5 13.♘a4! (13.e6 ♘cxd4 14.exf7+ ♔h8 15.♗xd4 ♘xd4 16.♘cxe4 dxe4 17.♘xe4 ♖xf7 18.♕d3 ♖d8∓) 13...♕d8 (13...♕a5 14.♖c1=) (13...♕c7 14.♘c5=) 14.♕d2 ♘xe3 15.♕xe3 (15.fxe3 ♗f5 16.♗d3 e6=) 15...♗f5 16.f4 ♖c8=

12...♘xd4 13.exf7+

13.♗e3 ♘hf5 14.exf7+ ♔h8∓13.♘gxe4 dxe4 14.♗xh6 ♗xh6 15.exf7+ ♖xf7 16.♗c4 e6 17.♘xe4 ♖d8∓13.♘cxe4 dxe4 14.exf7+ ♘xf7 - 14.Nce4

13...♘xf7



14.♘gxe4?!N

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14...dxe4 15.♘xe4?!

15.♗c4 ♖ad8 16.♕g4 ♔h8 17.♗xf7 ♖xf7 18.♕xe4 ♘f5∓

15...♖ad8 16.♗e3?

16.♔h1 ♕e6 17.♘c3 (17.♗d3 ♘e5∓) 17...♘xe2 18.♕xe2 ♕xe2 19.♘xe2 ♘d6! (19...♘e5 20.♖b1 ♘d3 21.♗e3 ♘xb2 22.♗xa7 ♖d2 23.♘g3 ♖a8 24.♗e3 ♖c2 25.♖fc1 ♖xc1+ 26.♖xc1 ♖xa2 27.♖c7∓) 20.♘c3 (20.♖b1 ♘e4 21.f3 ♘d2 22.♗xd2 ♖xd2∓) 20...♖d7 21.g3 (21.♗e3 ♘c4∓) 21...♗xc3!? (21...♖c8 22.♔g2 ♔f7 23.♖d1 ♗xc3 24.bxc3 ♖xc3 25.♗f4∓) 22.bxc3 ♘e4 23.♗e3 b5 24.a4 (24.♗d4 b4∓) 24...a6 25.axb5 axb5 26.♖ab1 ♘xc3 27.♖b3 ♘d1∓

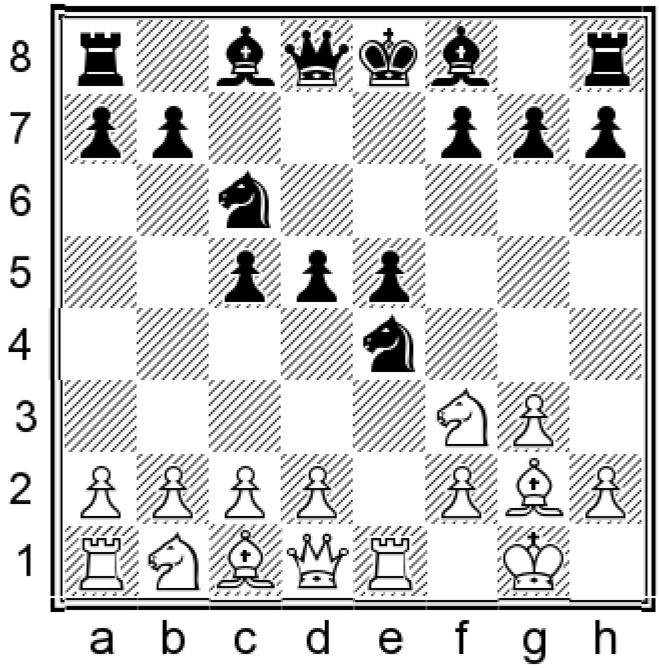
16...♕xb2 17.♗c4 ♘c2 18.♗xf7+ ♔xf7-+ 19.♕g4 ♘xa1 20.♘g5+ ♔g8 21.♕h4 h6 22.♘e6 ♕f6 23.♕e4 ♕e5 24.♕xg6 ♖d6 0-1

49.* [B30]
Rodshtein, Maxim (2678) - Donchenko, Alexander (2588)
Stockholm 2016 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 c5 3.♗g2 ♘c6 4.O-O e5 5.e4 ♘xe4

5...♗e7 6.d3 O-O 7.♘c3 d6 8.h3 ♗d7 9.♘d2 ♘d4N (9...a6) 10.a4 ♘c6 11.♘c4 ♘b4 12.f4 exf4 13.♗xf4 ♗e6= Kramnik, V (2783) -Karjakin, S (2760) Zuerich (rapid) 127/(49) 2015

6.♖e1 d5?!N



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7.c4! ♗e6

7...♘f6 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xe5 ♗e7 10.♘xf7 ♔xf7 11.♕h5+±

8.♕a4

8.cxd5 ♗xd5 9.♘xe5 ♘xe5 10.d4 cxd4 11.♗xe4±

8...♗d6?

8...♕d7 9.cxd5 ♗xd5 10.♖xe4 ♗xe4 11.♕xe4±8...f6 9.cxd5 ♗xd5 10.♖xe4 b5 11.♕c2 ♘b4 12.♖xb4 cxb4 13.d4±

9.cxd5 ♗xd5 10.♖xe4 b5

10...♗xe4 11.♕xe4 ♕d7 12.d3 f5 13.♕c4+-

11.♕xb5 ♗xe4 12.♕a4 ♗xf3

12...♗d5 13.♘c3+-

13.♗xf3 O-O 14.♗xc6 ♖c8 15.d3+- ♗e7 16.♗b5 c4 17.♗xc4 e4 18.♘c3 exd3 19.♗e3 ♗c5 20.♗xc5 ♖xc5 21.♖d1 d2 22.♘e4 ♖e5 23.♖xd2 ♕a8 24.♖d4 ♖d8

24...♖fe8 25.♗d5! ♖xd5 26.♖xd5+-

25.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 26.♕c6 1-0

50. [B30]**
Guseinov, Gadir (2649) - Gelfand, Boris (2731)
Ashdod (rapid) 2015 [Tadic, Branko]

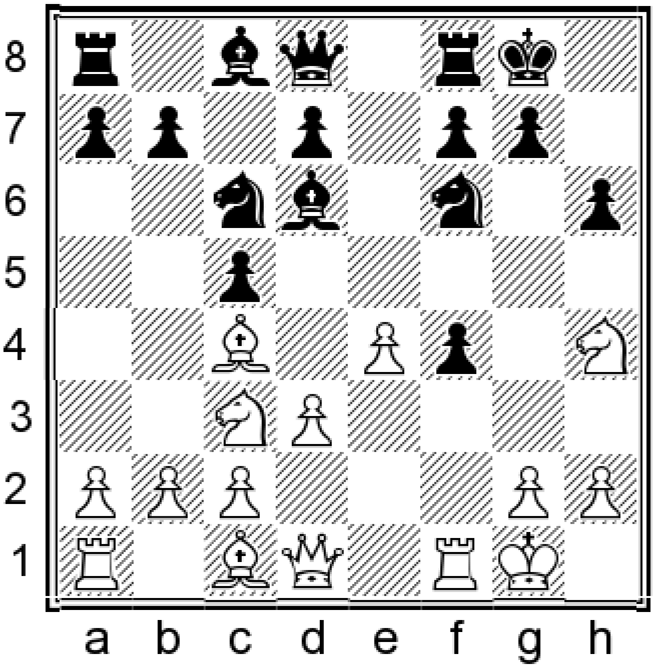
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♗c4 ♗e7 5.d3 ♘f6 6.♘g5 O-O 7.O-O h6 8.f4 exf4

8...hxg5 9.fxg5 ♘g4 10.g6!→

9.♘f3

9.♘h3 - 98/86

9...♗d6!? 10.♘h4



10...♗b8!?N

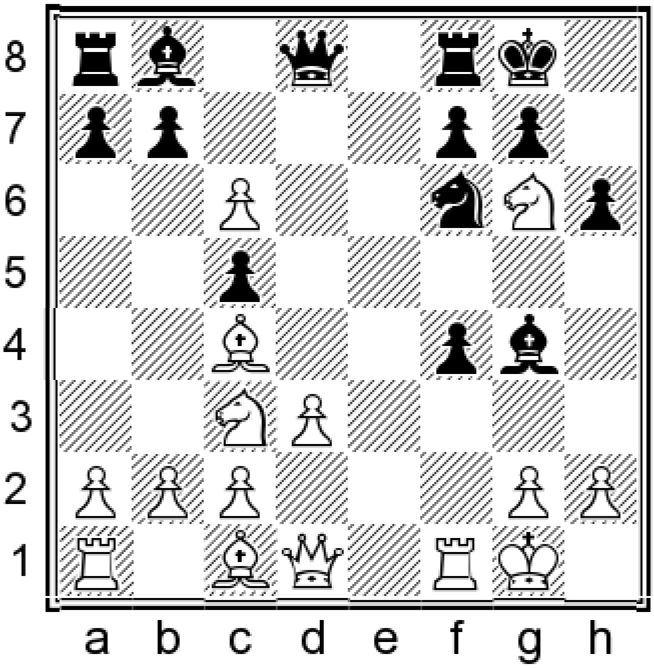
10...♗e5 - 127/(50) 11.♘g6 d5N - 127/(50) (11...♗d4+) (11...♖e8N 12.♘xe5 (12.♘d5!?) 12...♘xe5 13.♗xf4 d6 14.b3 ♗e6 15.♕d2± Minhazuddin, A (2415) -Rahman, T (2296) Bangladesh (ch) 127/ (50) 2015) 12.exd5?! (12.♘xe5 ♘xe5 13.♘xd5 ♗g4 14.♕d2 ♘xc4 15.♕xf4 ♘xd5 16.exd5 ♕xd5 17.♕xg4 ♘e5 18.♕g3=) 12...fxg6 (12...♗g4! 13.♕d2 (13.♕e1 ♗d4+ 14.♔h1 ♘b4∓) 13...fxg6 14.dxc6+ ♔h7∓) 13.dxc6+ ♔h7 14.♗xf4 ♕d4+ 15.♔h1 Adhiban, B (2674) - Gelfand, B (2741) Berlin (blitz) 127/(50) 2015 (15.♔h1 ♗xf4 16.♘e2 ♕d6 17.♘xf4 ♗g4 18.♕d2 ♕xc6∓)

11.♘g6 d5! 12.exd5 ♗g4?

12...fxg6 13.dxc6+ ♔h7 14.♗xf4 ♕d4+ 15.♔h1 ♗xf4 16.♘e2 ♕d6 17.♘xf4 ♗g4 18.♕d2 ♕xc6∓

13.♕d2?!

13.dxc6!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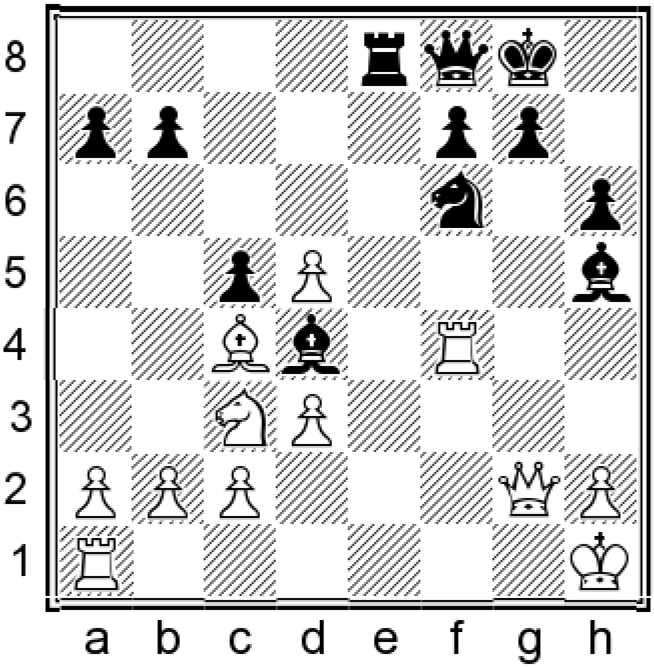
13...♘d4 14.♘xf8 f3! 15.♕f2 ♕xf8

15...♔xf8!? 16.♘b5 (16.♘e4 b5 17.♗xb5 ♘xe4 18.dxe4 ♘xb5 19.gxf3 ♗h3∞) 16...♘xb5 17.♗xb5 ♕xd5⯹

16.♗e3 ♗e5 17.♔h1 ♗h5?

17...♕c8∞

18.♗xd4 ♗xd4 19.♕g3 fxg2+ 20.♕xg2 ♖e8 21.♖f4?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21...♖e5!→ 22.♖af1 ♖g5 23.♕d2 ♕e7 24.♕e1

24.♖f5 ♖xf5 25.♖xf5 ♕d7 26.♖f4 (26.♖f1 ♘g4↑) 26...a6 27.♗b3 ♗e5 28.♖f1 ♘g4↑

24...♖e5?!

⌓24...♕d7 - 28...Qd7

25.♕g3 ♖g5 26.♕e1 ♖e5 27.♕g3 ♖g5 28.♕e1 ♕d7! 29.♕h4 ♗e3 30.♖xf6?⊕

30.♗b5 ♕c8∓

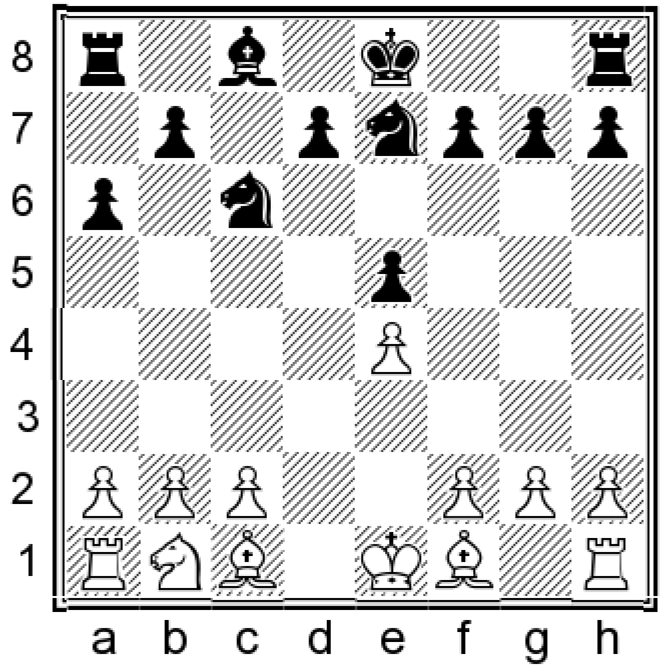
30...gxf6-+ 31.h3 f5 32.♘d1 ♗d4 33.♕f4 ♕e8 34.♕d2 ♕e5 35.♕f4 ♕e2 0-1

51. [B32]**
Nabaty, Tamir (2603) - Radovanovic, Mihajlo (2379)
Beograd 2015 [Radovanovic, Mihajlo]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 e5 5.♘b5 a6 6.♘d6+ ♗xd6 7.♕xd6 ♕e7!? 8.♕xe7+

8.♕d1 - 124/47

8...♘gxe7



9.♘a3?!

9.♘c3 d5 10.♗d3 ♗e6N (10...dxe4) 11.O-O ♘b4 12.f4 ♘xd3 (12...d4 13.♘e2 ♗g4 14.♘g3 ♖c8 15.h3 ♗d7 16.♗d2 ♘xc2 (16...♘xd3 17.cxd3=) 17.♖ac1 ♘e3 18.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 19.♖c1 exf4 20.♘e2=∞) 13.cxd3 exf4 14.♗xf4 dxe4 15.dxe4 O-O= Snape, I (2168) -Ripari, M (2310) Hastings 127/(51) 20169.c4 ♘d4 10.♔d1!?N (10.♗d3) 10...d6 11.♘c3 ♗e6 12.♗e3 ♘ec6 13.♔d2 f5 14.f3∞ Xu, X (2466) -Ripari, M (2310) Gibraltar 127/(51) 2016

9...d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♗d2N

11.♗e2

11...♗e6

11...O-O 12.O-O-O ♗f5 13.♗c4 ♘f6 14.♗g5 b5 15.♗b3 ♘d4 16.♗xf6 gxf6 17.c3 ♖ac8∓

12.O-O-O ♖c8

12...O-O-O 13.♘c4 f6 14.♘a5 ♘d4 15.♘b3 ♘xb3+ 16.axb3 ♖d7=

13.b3 O-O 14.♔b2 ♖fd8 15.♗d3 ♖d7

15...b5!?

16.♖he1 ♖cd8 17.♘c4 f6 18.a3 b5 19.♘a5 ♘de7

⌓19...♘d4 20.♗e3 ♘f5 21.♗c1 ♘d4=

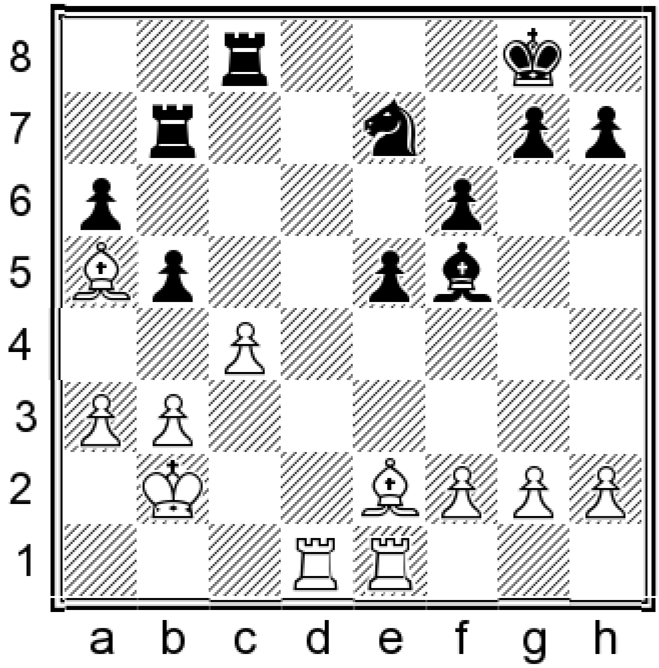
20.♗c3 ♗f5 21.♗e2 ♘xa5?

⌓21...♔f7

22.♗xa5 ♖c8

22...♖xd1 23.♖xd1 ♖xd1 24.♗xd1 ♗e4 25.f3 ♗c6 26.♗e2±

23.c4 ♖b7



24.g4

24.♗f3! ♖bb8 (24...e4 25.♗xe4 ♗xe4 26.♖xe4 bxc4 27.b4±) 25.♗b4 ♘c6 (25...bxc4!? 26.♗xe7 cxb3 27.♗d5+ ♔h8 28.♖d2 ♖c2+ 29.♖xc2 bxc2+ 30.♗b3 ♗e6 31.♗b4 ♗xb3 32.♔xb3 a5 33.♖c1±) 26.♗d6 ♖b7 27.♗d5+ ♔h8 28.c5±

24...♗g6 25.♖c1?!

25.♗f3 ♖bb8 26.♖d7 (26.♗b4? bxc4 27.♗xe7 ♖xb3+-+) 26...bxc4 27.♗b7 ♘c6 28.♗xc8 ♖xb3+ 29.♔a2 ♘xa5 30.♖ed1 ♗d3 31.♖d5 (31.♗xa6? c3! 32.♖b7 ♖xb7 33.♗xb7 ♗c4+ 34.♔b1 ♘xb7∓) 31...♘c6 32.♗e6+ ♔f8 33.♖c5 ♘d4 34.♖c8+ ♔e7 35.♗xc4 ♗xc4 36.♖xc4±

25...bxc4 26.♖xc4

26.♗xc4+ ♗f7 27.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 28.♖xc8 ♘xc8∞

26...♖xc4 27.♗xc4+ ♗f7 28.♖c1 ♗xc4 29.♖xc4 ♔f7 30.a4 ♔e6

30...♖d7 31.♔c2 ♔e6 32.♗b4 ♔d5∞

31.♗b4 ♘g6?!⊕

⌓31...♔d5 32.♔c3 g6∞

32.♖c6+ ♔d5 33.♖d6+ ♔e4 34.♗c5! ♘f4 35.♔c3

35.b4! a5 36.♗b6 ♘d3+ 37.♔c3 ♘xb4 (37...axb4+ 38.♔b3+- ∆ a5-a6) 38.♗xa5 ♘d5+ 39.♔c4±

35...a5 36.♔c4 ♔f3?!

36...♖c7 37.♔b5 ♘e2 38.b4 axb4 39.♔xb4 ♘d4 40.a5 ♘c6+ 41.♔b5 ♘xa5 42.♗b6 ♖c3 43.♔xa5 ♖h3±

37.♖a6?⊕

37.♗b6! e4 38.b4! axb4 39.a5 ♘d3 40.a6 ♖b8 41.a7 ♖c8+ 42.♔b3 ♖c3+ 43.♔a4 ♖a3+ 44.♔b5 ♖xa7 45.♗xa7 b3 46.♔c4 b2 47.♖b6 ♔xg4 48.♖b7 g5 49.♗d4 f5 50.♗xb2 ♘xf2 51.♗d4+-

37...e4⇄ 38.♖xa5 ♘d3 39.♗d6?!

39.♗d4 ♖c7+ 40.♔b5 ♘xf2 41.♖a7□ ♖c8 (41...♖c2 42.a5 ♘xg4 43.♖xg7 (43.a6 e3 44.♗xe3 ♘xe3 45.♖xg7 ♘f5 46.♖xh7 ♘d6+ 47.♔b6 ♘c8+=) 43...e3 44.♗xe3 ♘xe3 45.♖xh7 ♘f5= 46.♖d7 ♔e4 47.a6 ♘d4+ 48.♔b6 ♖b2 49.a7 ♖xb3+=) 42.a5 ♖b8+ 43.♔c4 (43.♔c6 ♘xg4 44.♖xg7 e3 45.♗xe3 ♘xe3 46.a6 ♖xb3 47.a7 ♖c3+ 48.♔b7 ♖b3+ 49.♔c6 ♖c3+ 50.♔b7 ♖b3+=) 43...♖c8+ 44.♔b5 ♖b8+=

39...g6! 40.♖a8?

40.♖b5 ♖d7 41.♖d5 ♘xf2∓

40...♘xf2 41.♖f8

41.a5 e3 42.♖e8 ♘e4 43.♗g3 ♘d2+-+

41...♘xg4-+ 42.a5 e3 43.a6 ♖d7

43...♖a7? 44.♔b5 e2 45.♗b4∞

44.♗b4

44.♗g3 f5! 45.b4 (45.♗e1 e2 46.♖e8 ♘e3+ 47.♔b5 ♘c2 48.♗c3 f4-+) 45...♖e7 (45...♘f2) 46.♗e1 (46.b5? ♘f2!-+ 47.b6 e2 48.a7 e1=Q 49.a8=Q+ ♖e4+-+) 46...♘e5+! 47.♔c3 ♖c7+ 48.♔b3 (48.♔d4? ♘c6+! 49.♔d3 ♘a7-+) 48...♘d3 49.b5 ♖a7! 50.♗g3 ♘c5+ 51.♔c4 ♘xa6!-+

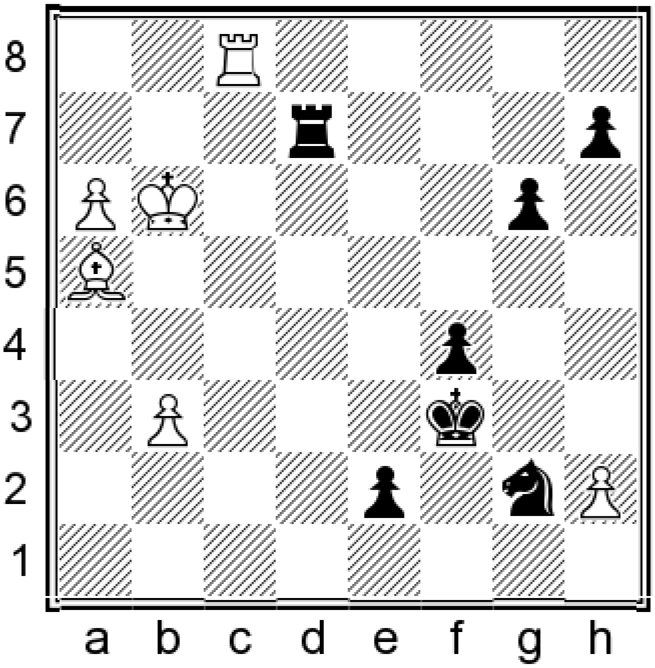
44...e2 45.♔b5 f5 46.♖c8 ♘e3

46...f4!?

47.♗e1 f4 48.♔b6 ♘g2?!

⌓48...♔g2 49.♔c6 (49.a7 ♖xa7 50.♔xa7 f3-+) 49...♖d1! (49...♖a7) 50.a7 ♖xe1! 51.a8=Q ♖d1-+

49.♗a5



49.♖c3+ ♔e4 50.♖c4+ ♔d3 (50...♔f5 51.♗f2 ♔g4 52.♖c3 ♘e3-+) 51.♖c3+ ♔d4 52.♖c4+ ♔e5 53.♖c2 f3 54.♗g3+ ♔f5 55.a7 ♖xa7 56.♔xa7 e1=Q 57.♗xe1 ♘xe1-+

49...e1=Q?

49...♔f2! 50.a7 (50.♖c7 ♖d8 51.a7 f3 52.♔b7 ♘e3 53.♖c8 ♖d7+ 54.♖c7 ♖xc7+ 55.♔xc7 ♔g1! 56.a8=Q f2-+) 50...♖xa7 51.♔xa7 f3-+

50.♗xe1= ♘xe1 51.a7 ♖xa7 52.♔xa7 ♔g2 53.♖e8?!

53.♖c1! ♘d3 54.♖d1=

53...♘d3 54.♖d8 ♘e5?!

54...♘b4 55.♔b6□ ♔xh2 56.♔b5 f3 57.♔xb4 f2 58.♖d1 ♔g2 59.♔c3 h5 60.b4 h4 61.b5 h3 62.b6 h2 63.b7 h1=Q 64.♖xh1 ♔xh1 65.b8=Q f1=Q∓

55.♖d5 ♘g4 56.♖d2+ ♔f3 57.b4 ♔e3 58.♖d1 f3 59.b5 f2 60.b6 ♔e2 61.♖c1 ♘e5 62.b7 ♘d7 63.♔a6 f1=Q 64.♖xf1 ♔xf1 65.♔b5 1/2-1/2

52. [B36]
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2704) - Timofeev, Artyom (2593)
Moscow 2016 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

1.c4 g6 2.e4 c5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♘xd4 7.♕xd4 d6 8.c5!? ♗g7 9.cxd6

9.♗b5+ - 7/347

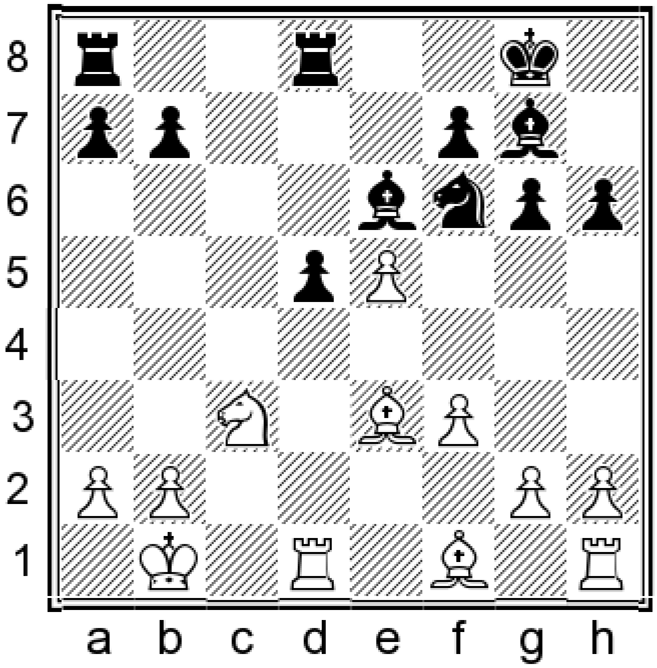
9...O-O 10.♗g5 ♕xd6 11.♕xd6 exd6 12.O-O-ON

12.♖d1

12...♗e6 13.f3 ♖fd8 14.♔b1 h6 15.♗e3

15.♗f4 d5 16.exd5 (16.e5? ♘d7 17.♘xd5 g5 18.♗g3 ♘b6 19.♘c3 ♖xd1+ 20.♘xd1 ♗f5+ 21.♔c1 ♖c8+ 22.♔d2 ♖c2+ 23.♔e1 (23.♔e3? ♗f8-+) 23...♘d5∓) 16...♘xd5 17.♘xd5 ♖xd5 18.♖xd5 ♗xd5=

15...d5 16.e5



16.exd5 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 ♖xd5 18.♖xd5 ♗xd5=

16...♘d7

16...♘h5!? 17.g4 (17.f4 d4 18.♖xd4 ♖xd4 19.♗xd4 ♘xf4∓) 17...♗xe5 18.♗xh6 (18.gxh5 d4∓) 18...♘f6∞

17.f4 f6 18.♗e2

18.♘xd5 ♘xe5 19.fxe5 ♖xd5 20.♖xd5 ♗xd5⩱

18...d4

18...fxe5 19.♘xd5 exf4 20.♘xf4 ♗f7=

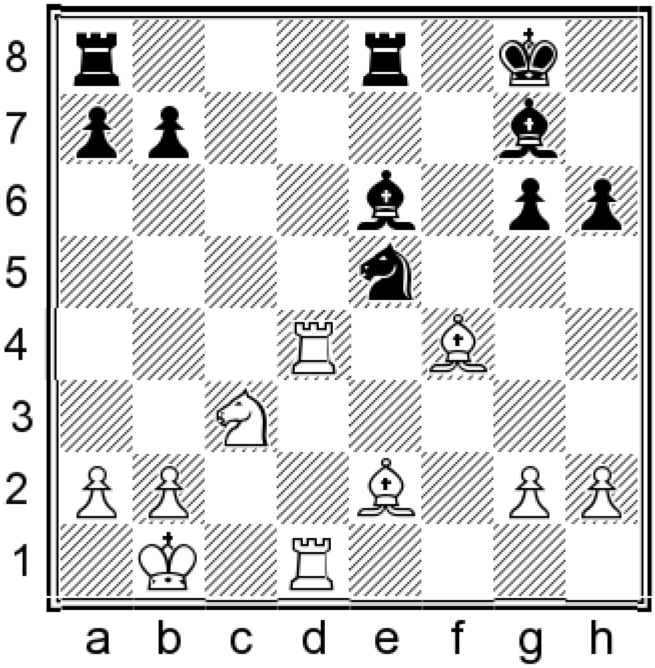
19.♖xd4 fxe5 20.fxe5

20.♖d6 ♗f5+ 21.♗d3 ♗xd3+ 22.♖xd3 exf4 23.♗xf4 ♘e5=

20...♘xe5 21.♖hd1?!

21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♗xa7 ♘c6 23.♗e3 ♖e8 24.♗d3 ♗xa2+ 25.♘xa2 ♖xe3=

21...♖e8!? 22.♗f4



22...♘g4

22...a6!? 23.♗c1 ♗f5+ 24.♔a1 ♘f7 25.♖4d2 ♖ac8∓

23.♖d6 ♗f5+ 24.♗d3 ♘f2 25.♗xf5 ♘xd1 26.♗e6+ ♖xe6 27.♖xe6 ♘xc3+ 28.bxc3

28.bxc3 ♔f7 29.♖d6 ♖e8 30.♖d7+ ♖e7 31.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 32.♔c2=1/2-1/2

53. [B42]
Boruchovsky, Avital (2547) - Dobrov, Vladimir (2518)
Graz 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♗d3 ♘e7 6.♘d2

6.O-O - 113/51

6...g6N

6...♘bc6

7.e5 ♘ec6

7...♗g7 8.♘c4 ♗xe5 (8...O-O 9.♗g5±) 9.♘xe5 (9.♘b5 axb5 10.♘xe5⯹) 9...♕a5+ 10.c3 ♕xe5+ 11.♘e2⯹

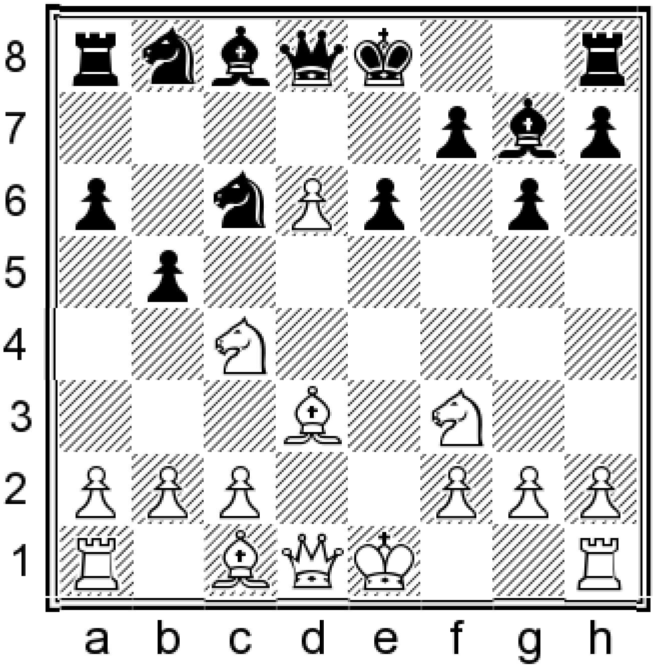
8.♘4f3 d6?!

8...♕a5 9.O-O (9.♕e2 ♗g7 10.♕e3 ♘xe5 11.♘xe5 ♕xe5 12.♘c4 ♕xe3+ 13.♗xe3 ♘c6 14.♘d6+ ♔f8 15.O-O-O⯹)
9...♘xe5 10.b4! ♗xb4 11.♗b2 ♘xf3+ (11...♘bc6 12.♘c4 ♘xc4 13.♗xh8 ♘4e5 14.♗e2±) 12.♕xf3 ♖g8 13.♘e4±8...♗g7
9.♘c4 (9.♕e2 ♕a5 - 8...Qa5) 9...♘xe5 10.♘cxe5 ♗xe5 11.♘xe5 ♕a5+ 12.c3 ♕xe5+ 13.♗e3⯹

9.exd6 ♗g7

9...♗xd6 10.♘e4 ♗e7 11.♗h6±9...♕xd6 10.♘e4 ♕d8 11.♗g5 ♗e7 12.♗h6±

10.♘c4 b5



11.d7+! ♘xd7

11...♗xd7 12.♘d6+ ♔f8 (12...♔e7 13.♘g5±) 13.O-O±

12.♘d6+ ♔e7 13.♘g5!± f6

13...♘de5 14.♘gxf7 ♘xf7 15.♘xf7 ♔xf7 (15...♕d5 16.♘g5! (16.♘xh8 ♕xg2 17.♖f1 ♘d4!∞) 16...♘e5 17.O-O±) 16.♕f3+ ♗f6 17.♕xc6±

14.♗e4

14.♘gf7 ♕c7 15.♗e4 ♖f8 16.♗f4 e5 17.♗e3 ♖xf7 18.♘xf7 ♗b7 (18...♔xf7? 19.♕d5++-) 19.♘h6↑

14...♘de5 15.f4 ♕xd6 16.♕xd6+ ♔xd6 17.fxe5+ ♔c7 18.exf6 ♗xf6 19.♖f1 ♗xg5

19...♖f8 20.♘xh7 ♗h4+ 21.g3 ♖xf1+ 22.♔xf1 ♗e7 23.♗f4++-

20.♗xg5 ♗d7 21.♗h6 ♗e8 22.♗f4++- ♔b6 23.♗g5 h6 24.♗f6 ♖g8 25.O-O-O ♖c8 26.♗h4 g5 27.♗f2+ ♔a5 28.♖d6 e5 29.a3 b4 30.♖d5+ ♔a4 31.b3+

31.♗e1 a5 (31...bxa3? 32.b3#) 32.axb4 axb4 33.b3+ ♔a3 34.♔b1+- ∆ Bd2

31...♔xa3 32.♖c5 a5 33.♗xc6 a4 34.♗d5 ♖xc5 35.♗xc5 ♖g6 36.♔b1 ♗c6 37.♗e3 1-0

54. [B43]
Vedmediuc, Serghei (2437) - Ionescu, Constantin (2453)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♘c3 b5 6.♗d3 ♗b7 7.O-O ♘c6 8.♘xc6 ♗xc6 9.♖e1 ♗c5 10.♕h5 d6 11.e5

11.♗e3 - 89/138

11...g6

11...dxe5?! 12.♖xe5 ♘f6 13.♖xe6+ ♗e7 14.♕c5! fxe6 15.♕xc6+ ♔f7 16.♕f3 ♖e8 17.a4 b4 18.♘e4 ♕d5 (18...♔g8 19.♕h3 ♘xe4 20.♕xe6+ ♔f8 21.♕xe4 ♗d6 22.♕f5+ ♕f6 23.♕xf6+ gxf6 24.♗h6+ ♔f7 25.g3 ♗e5 26.♖b1±) 19.♗e3 h6 20.♕f4 a5 (20...♔g8 21.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 22.♕xb4 ♖ab8 23.♕g4 ♖xb2 24.♗xh6±) 21.♖e1±11...♗d4 12.♗g5 ♕b6 13.♗e3

(13.exd6 ♗xf2+ 14.♔f1 ♗xe1 15.♖xe1 ♔f8 16.♕h4 ♕b7∞) 13...dxe5 14.♗xd4 ♕xd4 15.♖xe5 g6 16.♕g5 ♔f8 17.♖e3 ♔g7 18.♗e4⩲

12.♕e2

12.♕h3 dxe5 13.a4 b4 14.♘e4 ♗e7 15.♕g3 ♕c7 16.a5 (16.♗g5 f6 17.♗d2 ♗d5 18.c3 f5∞) 16...h5! (16...♘f6 17.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 18.♗h6 ♕b7 19.♗c4 ♖c8 (19...O-O-O 20.♗g5 ♗xg5 21.♕xg5 ∆ c3) 20.♖xe5! ♗xe5 21.♕xe5 ♖g8 22.♖d1⩲) 17.♗d2 ♘h6 (17...♗d5!? 18.c4 h4 19.♕h3 ♗xe4 20.♗xe4 ♖c8 21.♗e3 f5 22.♗b6 ♕b8∞) 18.♘g5 ♗d5 (18...♘f5? 19.♘xe6!±) 19.♖xe5 (19.c4 bxc3 20.♗xc3 ♘g4∞) 19...♗d6 20.♘xe6 ♗xe6 21.♖xe6+ fxe6 22.♕xg6+ ♘f7 23.♕xe6+ ♔f8 24.♖e1 ♖d8 25.♕f6 ♗e7 26.♕xa6 b3⇄

12...dxe5 13.♕xe5N

13.a4 b4 14.♘e4 ♗e7 (14...♗xe4 15.♕xe4 ♘f6 16.♕c6+ ♘d7 17.♗xa6 O-O 18.a5 ♕h4 19.♗e3 ♗xe3 20.fxe3! ♘c5 21.♕xc5 ♖xa6 22.♕xe5 ♕c4 23.♕d4⩲) (14...♕d5 15.♗h6! ♗f8 16.♗e3 ♗e7 17.f3 ♘f6 18.a5⩲) 15.♗xa6 ♕a5 (15...♔f8 16.♗b5⩲) (15...♕b6) 16.♗d3 ♘f6 17.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 18.♗h6 ♔e7 19.♕e3 (19.♖ad1 ♕xa4 20.b3 (20.♗e4 b3!⇄) 20...♕a7 21.♕g4 ♕b7 22.♕c4 ♖a5∞) 19...♖hd8 (19...♖ac8?! 20.♗b5! ♗d5 21.♖ac1 e4 22.♗g5±) 20.♗g5 (20.♖ad1 ♖d4⇄) 20...♕c7 21.h4⩲

13...♕d4

13...♗d4!? 14.♕g3 ♘e7 15.♗g5 h6 (15...f6?! 16.♗h6 ♔f7 17.♕h3! ♕d7 18.♘e4 ♘f5 19.♖ad1↑) 16.♗f4 b4 17.♘d1!? (17.♘e4 O-O 18.♗e5 ♗xe4 19.♖xe4 ♗xe5 20.♕xe5 a5 21.h4 h5∞) 17...O-O!? (17...h5 18.♗e5⩲) 18.♗xh6 ♖e8 19.♘e3 ♗xb2 20.♖ad1 ♕a5! (20...♕b8 21.♗f4 e5 22.♗g5 e4 23.♗f4 ∆ Bc4) 21.♘c4 ♕h5 22.♗d2 ♗g7 23.♗xb4 ♘f5 24.♗xf5 exf5 25.f3 ♖xe1+ 26.♗xe1 (26.♖xe1 ♗d5⇄) 26...♗a4! 27.♘e3 ♖e8! (27...♕h6 28.♘d5! ∆♗xc2 29.♗d2 ♕h5 30.♖c1 ♗d4+ 31.♔h1 f4 32.♘e7+! ♔g7 33.♗xf4 ♕c5 34.♗d6±) 28.♕f4 ♗c6 29.♘c4 (29.♕c7 ♗xf3!↑) 29...♖e2=∞

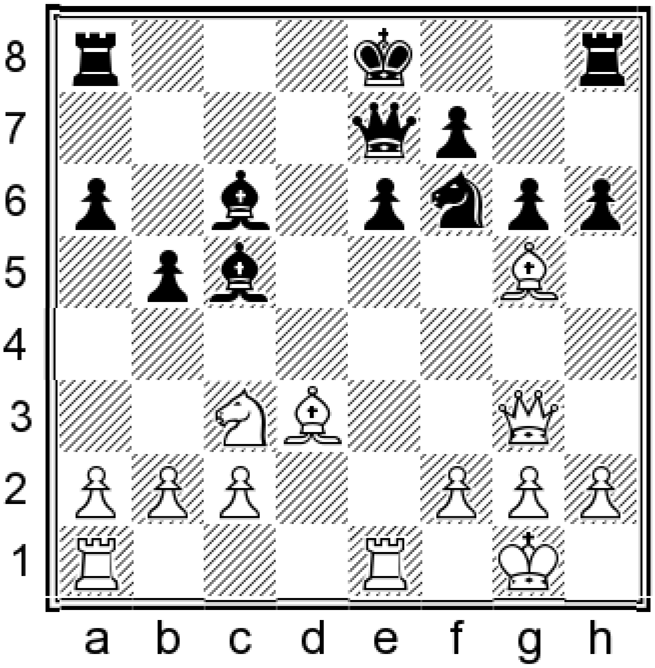
14.♕g3⩲ ♘f6

14...♘e7?! 15.♗e3 ♕d6 16.♗f4 ♕d7 17.♖ad1±

15.♗e3 ♕d6 16.♗f4 ♕e7

⌓16...♕d7 17.♕g5! ♗e7 (17...♘d5 18.♕e5±) 18.♗e5 ♕d8 19.♕f4! (19.♖ad1 ♘d7 20.♕f4 ♘xe5 21.♗xb5 ♕c8 22.♕xe5 O-O=∞) 19...♘h5 20.♕e3 O-O 21.♖ad1 ♕e8 22.a4 ♘g7 (22...bxa4 23.g4 ♘g7 24.♗c4 ♗b5 25.♗a2⩲) 23.♘e4±

17.♗g5 h6



18.♗xf6

18.♕h4! hxg5 19.♕xh8+ ♔d7 20.♕h3 ♖d8 (20...♔c7 21.a4 b4 22.♘e4±) 21.♘e4 ♘xe4 22.♗xe4 ♗xe4 23.♖xe4 ♕f6 24.♕f3±

18...♕xf6 19.♗e4 ♖c8 20.♗xc6+ ♖xc6 21.♘e4

21.♘d5!? ♕xf2+ 22.♕xf2 ♗xf2+ 23.♔xf2 ♖xc2+ 24.♔f3 ♖xb2 25.♘c7+ ♔d7 (25...♔e7 26.♖e2±) 26.♘xa6 ♖a8 27.♘c5+ ♔d6 28.♘e4+ ♔e7 29.a3±

21...♕d8 22.♖ad1

22.a4 O-O 23.axb5 axb5 24.♕f4 ♗e7 25.c3 ♗g5 26.♕e5 b4 27.cxb4 ♕b8⇄

22...♕c7 23.♘f6+ ♔f8 24.♘d7+

24.♕f3 ♗d6 25.h4!? ♔g7 (25...♖xc2 26.h5 g5 27.♘g4 ♖c4 28.g3±) 26.h5 g5 27.c3 (27.♘e4 ♗e7 28.c3 f5 29.♘g3 ♖d8=) 27...♖c5 28.♘g4 ♖f5 29.♕d3 ♗c5⇄

24...♔e7?

24...♔g8 25.♕xc7 (25.♕f3? ♗d6∓) 25...♖xc7 26.c3 ♔g7=

25.♕f3± ♖h7?

25...♖d6 26.♖xd6 ♗xd6 27.♕f6+ ♔xd7 28.♕xh8 ♗xh2+ 29.♔f1 ♗d6 30.c3±

26.♘f6 1-0

55. [B43]
Soltanici, Ruslan (2409) - Fedorov, Alexei (2553)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♘c3 b5 6.♗d3 ♕b6 7.♘f3 ♕c7

7...♘c6

8.O-O ♗b7 9.♖e1 ♗e7 10.♗d2 ♘c6!?

10...d6 - 90/148

11.a4 b4 12.♘d5!? exd5 13.exd5 ♘d8

13...♘a5 14.♘d4!? (14.♗xb4 ♗xd5 15.♗c3 ♔f8 16.♖e5 ♗xf3 17.♕xf3 ♘c6 18.♗c4 ♗f6 19.♖ae1 d6 20.♖5e4 ♖d8! (20...♗xc3? 21.♖e7+-) 21.♗xa6 d5 22.♖4e2 d4∞) 14...g6 (14...♗xd5 15.♕h5 ♗e6 (15...♘f6 16.♖xe7+! ♔xe7 17.♘f5+ ♔d8 18.♕h4↑) 16.♖xe6! dxe6 17.♘xe6 ♕b6 18.♘xg7+ ♔f8 19.♘f5→) 15.♗xb4 ♗xd5 16.♗c3 f6 17.♗xa6! ♗xg2 (17...♖xa6 18.♘b5↑) 18.♗b5 ♗c6 (18...♗b7 19.♘e6→) 19.♕d2↑13...♘b8 14.c4 d6 (14...a5 15.♗g5↑) 15.♗xb4 ♘d7 16.♕d2=∞13...♘a7!? 14.c4 ♔f8 15.a5 ♘c8!?

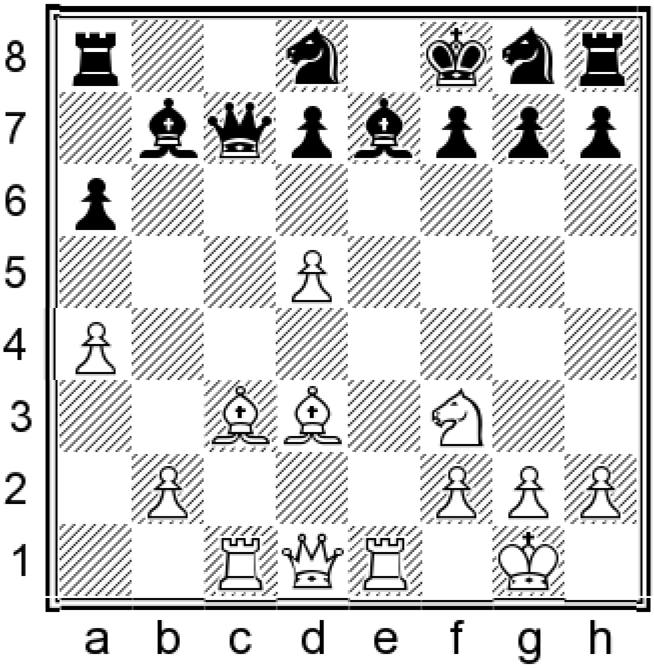
14.c4 bxc3N

14...♔f8 15.a5 ♖b8 16.♗e3=∞14...♘e6

15.♗xc3 ♔f8

15...♘f6 16.♖c1! (16.♖xe7+!? ♔xe7 17.♕e1+ ♔f8 18.♖c1 ♕b8 19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.♕b4+ ♔e8 21.♖e1+ ♘e6 22.dxe6 dxe6 23.♘d4 ♗xg2! 24.♕xb8+ (24.♕c5 ♗h3∞) 24...♖xb8 25.♔xg2 ♖d8 26.♘xe6 fxe6 27.♖xe6+ ♔f7 28.♗c4 ♖hg8+ 29.♔f3 ♖g5=) 16...♕d6□ 17.♗c4 ♖c8 (17...O-O 18.♗e5 ♕b4 19.d6±) 18.♗e5 ♕b4 19.♕d3! ♘xd5 20.♗xd5 ♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♗xd5 22.♕xd5 O-O (22...f6 23.♖c4! ♕b6 24.♗c3 ♕d6 25.♕xd6 ♗xd6 26.♖c8 O-O 27.♖a8±) 23.♕xd7 ♘e6 24.♗c3 ♕f4 25.♗d2 ♕f6 26.♕a7±

16.♖c1?!



16.♘d4 g6 17.♘f5! gxf5 18.♗xh8 ♗f6 19.♗xf6 ♘xf6 20.♕d2!? (20.♗xf5 ♗xd5 21.♕d4 ♔g7 22.♖ac1 ♕d6 23.♗xd7 (23.♖c3 ♘e6! 24.♗xe6 fxe6 25.g4 h6 26.h4 ♔g6 27.♖f3 ♖f8∓) 23...♕xd7 24.♖c3 ♕d6 25.♖g3+ ♔f8 26.♖f3 ♔g7=) 20...f4! 21.♗e4 (21.♕b4+!? ♔g7 22.♖ac1 ♕b8 23.♕c3! Δ♗xd5 24.♖e5 ♕d6□ 25.♖g5+ ♔h6 26.♖f5 ♔g7 27.♕d4 ♖b8 28.♖c5! ♘c6 29.♖cxd5 ♘xd4 30.♖g5+ ♔h6 31.♖xd6 ♔xg5 32.h4+! ♔xh4 33.♖xf6±) 21...♕d6 22.♖ad1 ♖c8 23.♕d4±

16...♕d6! 17.♗e4

17.♘d4 ♕xd5 18.♗e4 ♕xe4 19.♖xe4 ♗xe4 20.♕e2 ♗g6 21.♖e1 h5 22.♕e3 ♖h6∓17.♗c4 f6 18.♕d3 (18.♗a5 ♘f7∓) 18...♘h6∓ Δ Ndf7

17...f6?

17...f5!? 18.♗e5 (18.♗xf5 ♘f7 19.♘d2 ♘f6∞) 18...♕g6∞17...♖c8! 18.♘d4 g6!? (18...♘h6 19.♗f3 f6 20.♘c2 ♖xc3 21.bxc3 ♘hf7 22.♘e3∞) 19.♘c6 dxc6 20.♗xh8 cxd5 21.♖xc8 ♗xc8 22.♗xd5 ♘f6 23.♗c4 (23.♗f3 ♕b4∓) 23...♕b4 24.b3 ♘e6 25.♕a1 ♘g7 26.♕e5 ♗d6 27.♕a1 ♘fe8∓

18.♗a5! ♘f7

18...♖c8 19.♖xc8 ♗xc8 20.♕c2 ♗b7 21.♗c7 ♕b4 22.d6±

19.♕b3! ♗c8

19...♖b8 20.♗c7 ♕b4 21.♕xb4 ♗xb4 22.♗xb8 ♗xe1 23.♘xe1 ♘e7 24.♖c7+-19...♕b8 20.♗c7 ♕a7 21.d6!±

20.♗c7

20.♘d4 ♕b8 (20...♖b8 21.♕c3+-) (20...♘g5 21.♘f5 ♕b8 22.♕xb8 ♖xb8 23.d6+-) 21.d6! ♕xb3 (21...♗xd6 22.♗xa8 ♕xa8 23.♘f5+-) 22.dxe7+ ♘xe7 23.♘xb3 ♖b8 24.♘d4 ♖xb2 25.♘f5 ♘c6 26.♗d5+-

20...♕b4 21.♕xb4 ♗xb4 22.d6 ♗xe1 23.♗xa8?!

23.♘xe1! ♘gh6 (23...♖a7 24.♗b8+-) 24.♗xa8 ♘f5 25.♖d1 g6 26.b4+-

23...♗b4 24.♗b8 ♘e7 25.dxe7+ ♔xe7 26.♘d4 g6 27.♗d5

27.♘c2!? ♗b7 (27...♗d6 28.♖e1+ ♔f8 (28...♔d8 29.♗a7±) 29.♗xd6+ ♘xd6 30.b4±) 28.♗xb7 ♖xb8 29.♗xa6 ♗c5 30.♖b1±

27...♘e5 28.g3

28.♗a7 ♘d3 (28...a5 29.♗c5+ ♗xc5 30.♖xc5 ♘d3 31.♖xa5 ♘xb2 32.g3±) 29.♖c4 ♗d6 30.b3 ♘b4 31.♗f3±

28...a5∞ 29.f4?⊕

29.♘c2 ♘d3 30.♖b1 ♗b7! 31.♗xb7 ♖xb8 32.♗a6 ♘e5 33.♔g2 ♗c5 34.♗b5=

29...♘d3 30.♖c7 ♗c5∓ 31.♖xc5

31.♗a7 ♔d6 32.♗xc5+ ♘xc5! 33.♘b5+ ♔xd5 34.♘c3+ ♔d4! 35.♘b5+ ♔c4 36.♘d6+ ♔d5 37.♘xc8 ♖e8∓

31...♘xc5 32.♘b5 ♗b7!∓ 33.♗d6+ ♔d8 34.♗xc5

34.♗c7+ ♔c8 35.♗f7 ♗c6∓

34...♗xd5 35.♗b6+ ♔e7 36.♗xa5 ♗b3⊕

36...♖b8! 37.♗b4+ ♔f7 38.♗d6 ♖a8-+

37.♗b4+ ♔f7 38.♘d6+ ♔e6 39.♘e4 d6

39...♗c2!? 40.♘c5+ ♔d6 41.♘e4+ ♔c6! 42.♘xf6 d5∓

40.a5 ♖d8

40...f5!? 41.♘xd6 ♖b8 42.♗c3 ♔d7! ∆ Kc6

41.♗c3 ♖c8

41...f5!? 42.♘g5+ ♔d5 43.♘xh7 ♔e4∓

42.♔f2 ♗d5 43.♘d2

43.♔e3 ♗b7 44.♘xf6 ♖xc3+ 45.bxc3 ♔xf6 46.g4 h5 47.h3 ♗c8 48.♔f3 h4 49.♔e4 ♔e6 50.♔d4 ♗b7-+

43...h5 44.♘f1 ♖c4

⌓44...f5 45.♘e3 ♗b3 46.♔e2 ♔d7 47.♔d3 ♔c6 48.♘c4 ♖e8∓

45.♘e3 ♖a4 46.♘c2∓ ♗c4

46...♗e4 47.♘d4+ ♔d5 48.♔e3 f5 49.♘b3

47.♘d4+ ♔d5 48.♔e3

48.f5 gxf5 49.♘xf5 ♗d3 50.♘e7+ ♔c5 51.♔e3 ♗h7 52.♘c8 ♖e4+ 53.♔d2 ♗f5 54.♘b6 h4 55.♗xf6 h3∓

48...f5⊕

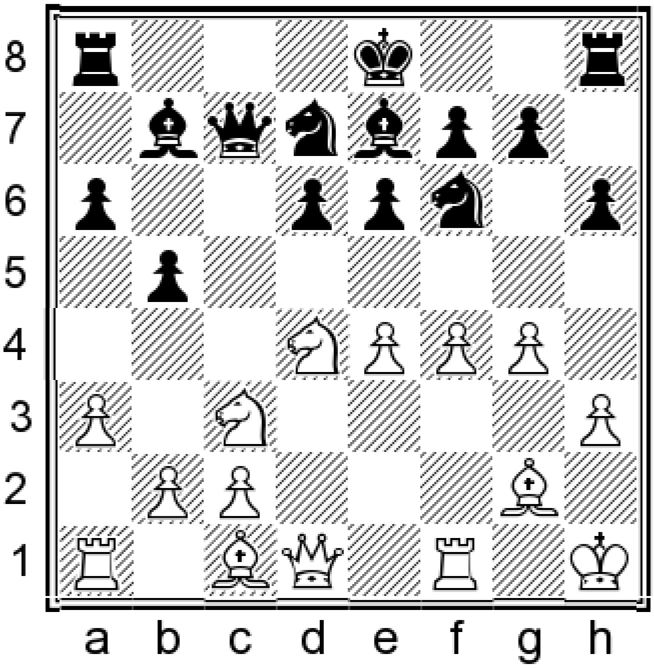
48...f5 49.♘c2 ♗b3 50.♘d4 ♗a2 51.♔d3 ♗b1+ 52.♔e3 ♗e4 53.♘b3 ♖a2 54.♔d2 ♔c6 (54...♔c4? 55.♘c1±) 55.♔e3 ♔b5 56.♘d4+ ♔c4 57.♔d2∓0-1

56. !N [B43]
Anderson, John (2247) - Ter Steeg, Marcus (2036)
Hastings 2015 [Mista, Aleksander]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.♘c3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♕c7 6.g3 b5 7.a3

7.♗g2 - 38/(222)

7...♗b7 8.♗g2 d6 9.O-O ♘f6 10.f4 ♗e7 11.g4 h6 12.♔h1 ♘bd7 13.h3

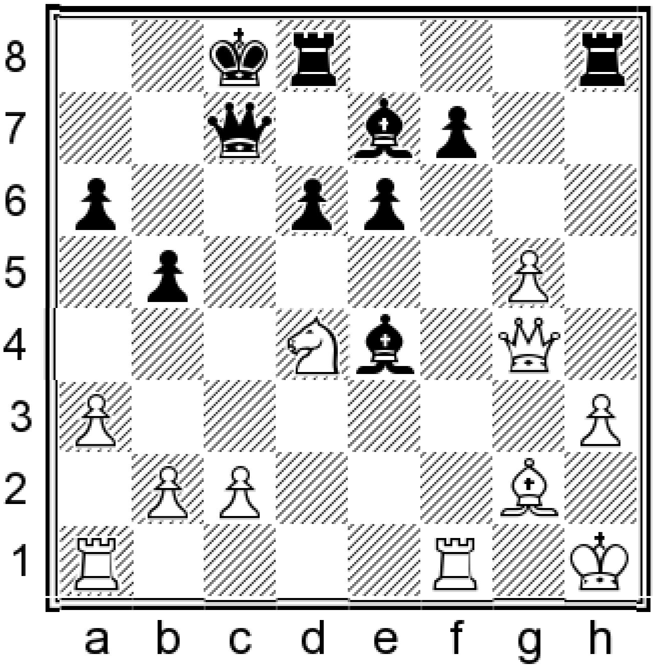


13...g5!N

13...♘c5

14.fxg5 hxg5 15.♗xg5 O-O-O 16.♘dxb5?

16.♗xf6 ♘xf6 (16...♗xf6?! 17.♘dxb5! axb5 18.♘xb5 ♖xh3+! 19.♗xh3 ♗xe4+ 20.♖f3! ♗xf3+ 21.♕xf3 ♕b6∞) 17.g5 ♘xe4! 18.♘xe4 ♗xe4 19.♕g4!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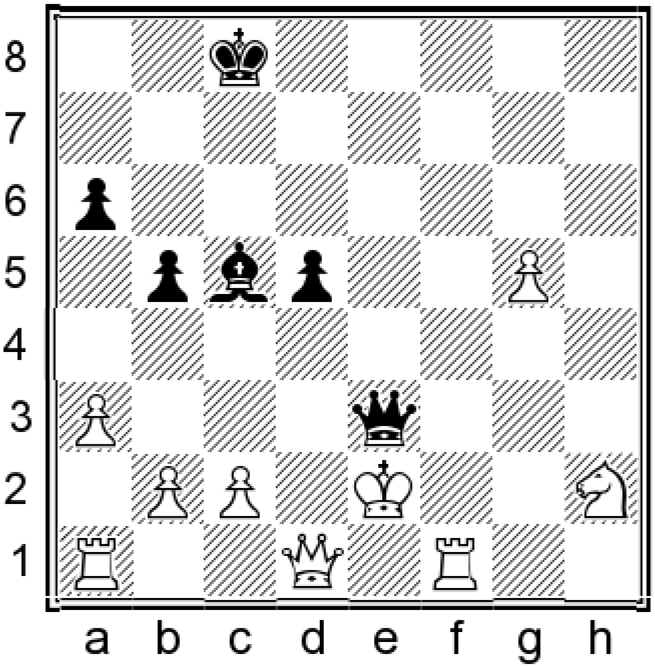
(19.♗xe4? ♖xh3+ 20.♔g2 d5!! 21.♔xh3 ♖h8+ 22.♔g4 ♕h2! 23.♘f3 f5+! 24.gxf6 (24.♗xf5 exf5+ 25.♔xf5 ♖f8+ 26.♔g6 ♕d6+ 27.♔h5 ♖h8+ 28.♔g4 ♕e6+ 29.♔g3 ♖h3+ 30.♔g2 ♕g4+ 31.♔f2 ♖h2+!! 32.♘xh2 ♗c5+ 33.♔e1 ♕g3+ 34.♔e2 ♕e3#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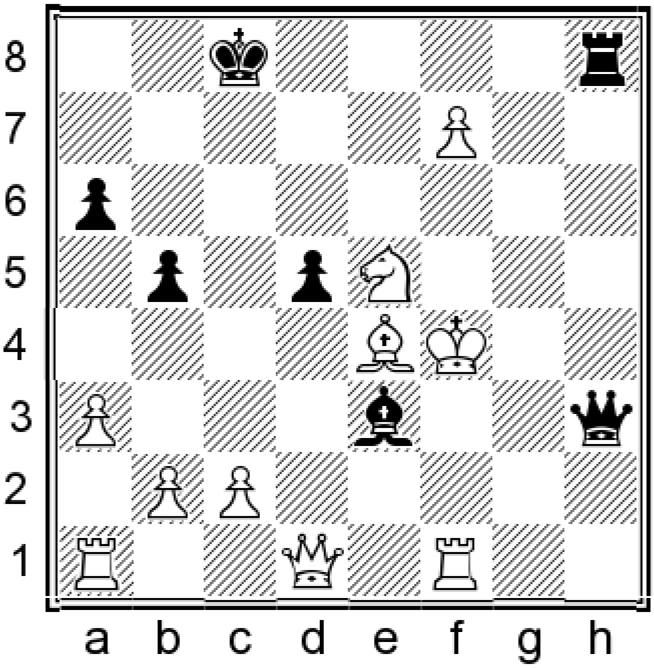
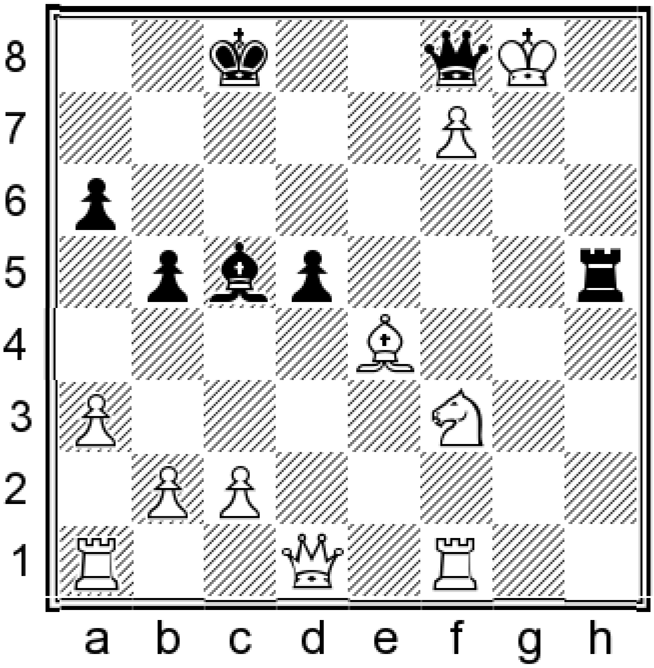
) 24...♕h3+ 25.♔f4 ♕h6+ 26.♔g3 ♗c5!! 27.f7 ♕h3+ 28.♔f4 e5+! 29.♔xe5 (29.♘xe5 ♗e3#



) 29...♕g3+ 30.♔e6 ♖h6+ 31.♔f5 ♖h5+ 32.♔f6 ♕d6+ 33.♔g7 ♕h6+ 34.♔g8 ♕f8#



) 19...f5! 20.gxf6 ♗xg2+ 21.♕xg2 ♖dg8 22.fxe7! ♖xg2 23.♖f8+ ♔b7 24.e8=Q ♖h2+! 25.♔xh2 (25.♔g1 ♕g7+ 26.♔xh2 ♕e5+ 27.♔g2 ♕g7+=) 25...d5+ 26.♔g2 ♕g7+ 27.♔h2 ♕e5+=

16...axb5 17.♘xb5 ♕c5 18.♗xf6 ♘xf6-+ 19.♕e2 ♖xh3+

19...♗xe4 20.♗xe4 ♖xh3+ 21.♔g2 ♖e3-+

20.♗xh3 ♗xe4+

20...♘xe4-+

21.♔h2 ♕e5+ 22.♔g1 ♕g3+?!

22...♖h8! 23.♕c4+ ♔d7 24.♕c7+ ♔e8 25.♕b8+ ♗d8 26.♘xd6+ ♔d7 27.♕b5+ ♔xd6 28.♖ad1+ ♘d5 29.♕b4+ ♔d7 30.♕b7+ ♗c7 31.♖xd5+ exd5 32.♖xf7+ ♔d8 33.♕a8+ ♗b8 34.♕a5+ ♔e8-+

23.♗g2 ♘xg4 24.♖xf7?

24.♖f3! ♗xf3 25.♕xf3 ♕xf3 26.♗xf3∞

24...♕h2+ 25.♔f1 ♗xg2+ 26.♔e1 ♕g1+ 27.♔d2 ♗g5+ 28.♔c3 ♕c5+ 29.♔b3 ♗d5+ 30.c4

30.♔a4 ♗c4 31.♘a7+ ♕xa7+ 32.♖xa7 ♗xe2-+

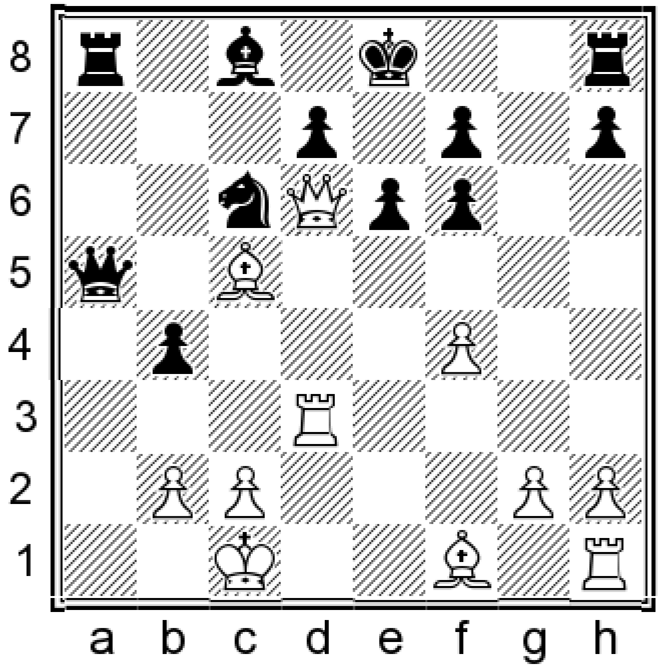
30...♕xb5+ 31.♔c3 ♕xc4+ 32.♕xc4+ ♗xc4 33.♔xc4 ♘e5+ 0-1

57. [B48]
Grischuk, Alexander (2750) - Rapport, Richard (2693)
Reykjavik 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.♕d2 ♘f6 8.O-O-O ♗e7 9.f4 b5 10.e5 b4 11.♘cb5

11.exf6 - 115/57

11...axb5 12.♘xb5 ♕a5 13.exf6 gxf6 14.♘d6+ ♗xd6 15.♕xd6 ♕xa2 16.♖d3 ♕a5 17.♗c5N



17.g3 ♕d8! (17...♘e7 18.♗b6 ♕a4 19.♗g2 ♖a6 20.♕c5±) 18.♗g2 ♗b7 19.♗xc6 ♗xc6 20.♖e1 ♕e7 21.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 22.♗c5+ ♔e8 23.♗xb4 f5=

17...♕d8!

17...b3 18.♖c3 (18.♗a3 ♕e1+ 19.♖d1 ♕e3+ 20.♔b1 bxc2+ 21.♔xc2 ♕e4+ 22.♗d3 ♕d4∞) 18...bxc2 (18...♕a1+?! 19.♔d2 bxc2 20.♖xc2 ♕a4 21.g3±) 19.♗a3 ♗b7 (19...♖a7?! 20.b4 ♕d5 21.♕xd5 exd5 22.♗b2 d4 23.♖xc2±) 20.♗d3 ♔d8 21.♗xc2±17...♖b8!? 18.♗d4 (18.g3 ♖b5 19.♖d5 (19.♗f2 ♘e7!∓) 19...exd5 20.♗xb5 ♕a1+ 21.♔d2 ♕xh1 22.♗xc6 ♕xh2+ 23.♔c1 ♕h1+=) 18...♗a6 19.♖d1 ♘xd4 20.♖xd4 ♖b6 21.♕xd7+ ♔f8 22.f5 (22.♗xa6 ♖xa6 23.♖d3 ♕b6 24.♕c8+ ♔g7 25.♖g3+ ♔h6 26.♕xh8 ♖a1+ 27.♔d2 ♕d4+ 28.♔e2 ♕e4+=) 22...♕a1+ 23.♔d2 ♕xb2 24.♕d8+ ♔g7 25.♖g4+ ♔h6 26.♕xb6 ♕c3+ 27.♔c1 ♕a1+=

18.♖h3

18.♖d1 ♖a1+ 19.♔d2 ♖xd1+ 20.♔xd1 ♕a5 21.g3 ♕a1+ 22.♔d2 ♕xb2 23.♗g2 ♕c3+ 24.♔d1 ♗a6 25.♗xc6 ♕a1+ 26.♔d2 ♕c3+=

18...♖a1+ 19.♔d2 ♗a6= 20.♖xh7

20.♗xa6 ♖xh1 21.♖xh7 ♖g8 22.♖g7 ♖h8=

20...♖g8 21.♖g7 ♖h8 22.♖h7 ♖g8 23.♖g7 ♖h8 24.♖h7 ♖g8 25.♖g7 1/2-1/2

58. !N [B48]
Prozorovsky, Vyacheslav Grigorie - Tasic, Vladimir
corr 2015 [Tasic, Vladimir]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.♕d2 ♘f6 8.O-O-O ♗b4 9.f3 ♘e5 10.g4

10.♘b3 - 112/110

10...O-O

10...d5 11.g5 ♘h5 12.exd5 ♗xc3 13.♕xc3 ♕xc3 14.bxc3 exd5 15.♘b3±

11.g5 ♘h5 12.♖g1!?

12.a3 ♗xc3 13.♕xc3 ♕xc3 14.bxc3 b5∞12.f4 ♘g4 13.e5 d6 14.♗e2 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 dxe5 16.fxe5 ♘xe5 17.♗xh5 ♘c4 18.♕e2 ♕c5 19.♖d3 ♕a3+ 20.♔d1 ♕xa2 21.♘b3 ♕b1+ 22.♘c1 g6 23.♗f3 e5⯹

12...b5 13.f4

13.♔b1 ♗b7 (13...♗xc3 14.♕xc3 ♕xc3 15.bxc3 ♗b7∞) 14.f4 ♘c4 15.♗xc4 ♕xc4∞

13...♘c4

13...♗xc3 14.♕xc3 ♕xc3 15.bxc3±13...♘g6 14.e5 ♗xc3 15.bxc3±

14.♗xc4 bxc4

14...♕xc4 15.♕e2 ♕xe2 16.♘dxe2 f5 17.gxf6 ♘xf6 18.e5±

15.♘de2 ♖b8 16.♖g4! g6

16...d6 17.♖h4 g6 (17...♕b7 18.♗d4 g6 19.♘g3! ♗a3 20.♘a4 e5 21.fxe5 ♕b5 22.♕c3 dxe5 (22...♗c5 23.♗xc5 dxc5 24.♕a3±) 23.♗xe5 ♗b4 24.♕d4±) 18.a3 ♗a5 19.♕xd6±16...♕b7 17.♗d4 d6 18.♖h4 g6 19.♘g3↑

17.♖h4 ♕b7

17...♖e8 18.♘g3 ♘g7 19.♕g2+-

18.♗d4 d6 19.♘g3 ♘g7

19...♗a3 20.♘a4 e5 21.fxe5 ♕b5 22.♕c3±19...♗a5 20.b3 ♘g7 21.♕g2±

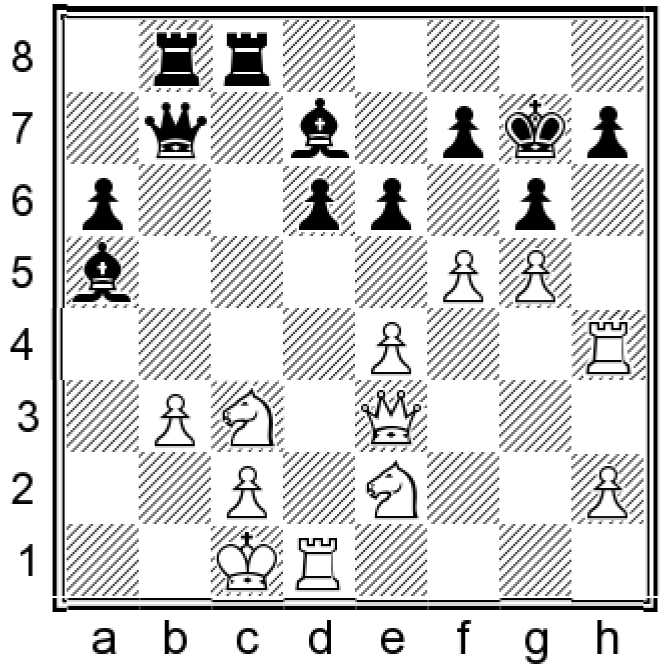
20.♕e3 ♗a5 21.b3 ♗d7 22.f5 ♖fc8 23.♗xg7

23.♔b2 cxb3 24.cxb3 e5∓

23...cxb3 24.axb3 ♔xg7

24...♕c7? 25.♕f3 ♗xc3 26.♕xc3 ♕xc3 27.♗xc3 ♖xc3 28.♖xd6±

25.♘ge2



25...♕b4!N

25...♕c7 26.♖d3 ♕c5 27.♕h3±

26.♔b2

26.f6+ ♔g8 27.♖xh7 ♕a3+ 28.♔d2 ♕c5 29.♖g7+ ♔f8 30.♖h7 ♔g8=26.♖d3 ♕a3+ 27.♔d1 ♔g8 28.♕h3 h5∞

26...exf5

26...♕c5 27.♕h3 h5 28.gxh6+±

27.♘d5

27.♕h3 h5 28.gxh6+ ♔h7∞

27...f4 28.♖xf4

28.♕d3 ♕c5 29.♖xf4 ♖b7 30.♖f3 ♗d8 31.h4 ♗e6∞

28...♕c5 29.♕d4+

29.♕d3 ♗e6 30.♖f3 ♗g4 31.♖g3 ♗e6∞

29...♕xd4+ 30.♘xd4 ♗b6

30...♗e6 31.♖d3 ♖c5 32.♘f6 ♖bc8 33.♖ff3 ♖e5 34.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 35.♖f1±

31.♘xb6 ♖xb6 32.♖f6 ♖c5 33.h4 a5= 34.♖e1 a4 35.e5

35.♖e3 ♖e5=

35...axb3 36.cxb3 ♖d5 37.♖e4

37.e6 fxe6 38.♘xe6+ (38.♖ef1 ♖b8 39.♘xe6+ ♗xe6 40.♖xe6=) 38...♗xe6 39.♖fxe6 ♖b8 40.♖e7+ ♔g8 41.♖e8+ ♖xe8 42.♖xe8+ ♔f7 43.♖h8 ♔e6! 44.♖xh7 (44.♔c3 ♖c5+ 45.♔b4 ♖c7 46.♔a5 d5 47.♖d8 ♖a7+ 48.♔b6 ♖a1 49.b4 ♖d1 50.b5 d4) 44...♖b5 45.♖c7 (45.♖g7 ♔f5 46.♖f7+ ♔g4 47.♖f6 ♔xh4 48.♖xg6 d5=) 45...♖b8 46.♔c3 ♖h8 47.♖g7 ♔f5 48.♖f7+

♔g4=

37...♔g8 38.exd6

38.♖xd6 ♖bxd6 39.exd6 h6 40.♔c3 hxg5=38.e6 fxe6 39.♖ef4 ♖b8 40.♘xe6 ♗xe6 41.♖xe6 ♖db5=

38...♖dxd6 39.♖xd6

39.♖ef4 ♖xf6 40.♖xf6 ♖xf6 41.gxf6 h6 42.♘f3 ♔f8=39.♖e7 ♖xf6 40.gxf6 ♖d6 41.♔c3 ♔f8=39.♖ff4 ♔f8 40.♔c3 ♖b7 41.b4 ♖a6=

39...♖xd6 40.♔c3 h6 41.♔c4

41.gxh6 ♖f6 42.b4 ♔h7 43.♖e7 ♗h3=

41...hxg5 42.hxg5 f6 43.♔c5

43.♖e7 ♔f8 44.gxf6 ♗h3=

43...♖a6 44.b4 fxg5 45.♖e7 ♗a4 46.♖e3 ♖a8 47.b5 ♗xb5 1/2-1/2

B50-B99

59. [B50]
Antipov, Mikhail Al (2567) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2541)
Wijk aan Zee II 2016 [Arsovic, Zoran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 ♘xe4 7.d5 ♕a5+ 8.♘c3 ♘xc3 9.bxc3 ♘e5 10.O-O e6 11.♘xe5 dxe5 12.♖b1 a6

12...♗c5 - 42/(213)

13.♗f3 ♗c5 14.d6 ♖a7 15.♗g5!?N

15.♗e3 b6? (15...♗xe3 16.fxe3 ♕c5∞) 16.♕b3 O-O 17.♗xc5 bxc5 18.♗c6! (18.♖fd1±) 18...♗d7 19.♕b8!+-

15...b5

⌓15...b6 16.♗e7 (16.♗c6+ ♗d7 17.♕f3 (17.♗xd7+ ♖xd7 18.♗e7 h5 19.♕f3 ♗xd6 20.♕a8+ ♔xe7 21.♕xh8 g6=∞) 17...O-O∞) 16...♖xe7 17.dxe7 ♔xe7=∞

16.♗c6+

16.♕e2 f6 17.♗h5+ ♔f8 (17...g6 18.♗xf6 O-O 19.♗e7 ♖f7 20.♗f3±) 18.♗e3 ♕b6 19.c4=∞16.♗e7 ♖xe7 17.dxe7 ♔xe7 18.♕e2 ♕c7=∞

16...♗d7 17.♕f3 f6

17...O-O? 18.♗xd7 ♖xd7 19.♕c6+-

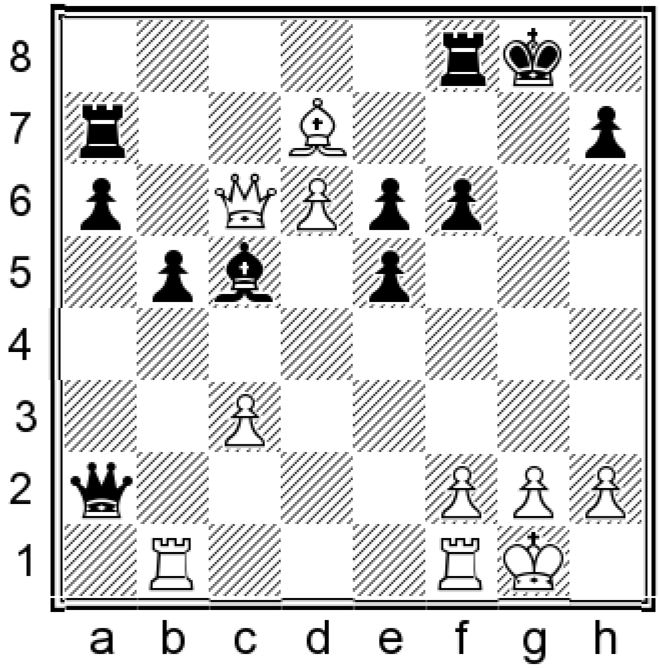
18.♗xf6! O-O?!

18...gxf6 19.♕xf6 ♗xc6 20.♕xh8+ ♔d7 21.♕g7+ ♔c8 22.♕f8+ ♔b7 23.♖fd1 ♗d7 24.c4=∞

19.♗xd7 ♕xa2

19...♖xd7 20.♕c6 ♖df7 21.♗e7 ♕xc3 22.♔h1 ♗b4 23.♕xa6+-

20.♕c6 gxf6



21.c4! ♖xd7

21...♗xf2+ 22.♔h1 ♔f7 23.♖bd1 ♕xc4 (23...♕c2 24.♗xe6+! ♔xe6 25.d7+ ♔f7 (25...♔e7 26.♕d6+ ♔f7 27.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 28.d8=Q++-) 26.♕f3+-) 24.♖xf2+-

22.♕xd7 ♕xc4 23.♖bc1 ♕d5 24.♖fd1+- ♕b3 25.♕c7 ♗d4 26.d7 ♕d5 27.♖c3 ♖a8 28.♕c8+ ♔f7 29.♕xa8 ♕xa8 30.♖c8 1-0

60. [B51]
Carlsen, Magnus (2834) - Grischuk, Alexander (2747)
London 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.♘f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.O-O a6 5.♗d3 ♘gf6 6.♖e1 b5 7.c4 g5 8.♘xg5 ♘e5 9.♗e2 bxc4 10.♘c3N

10.♘a3 - 125/52

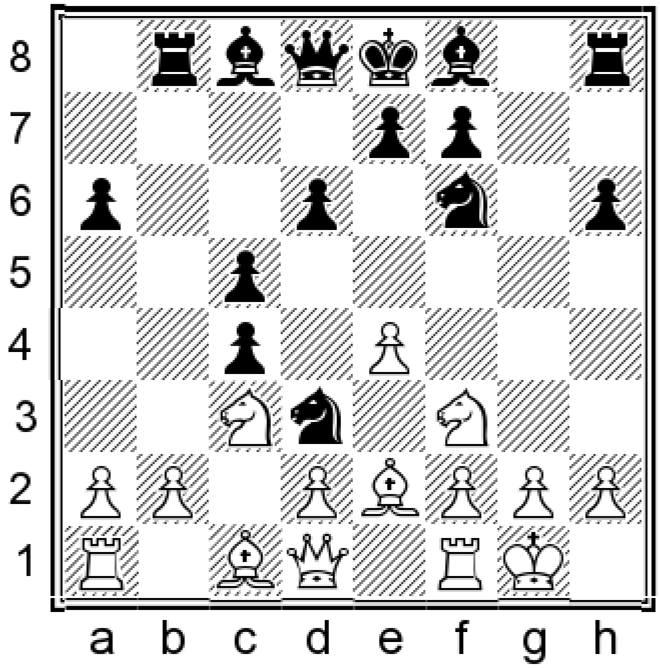
10...♖b8

10...♖g8 11.d4 cxd3 12.♗xd3 h6 13.♘f3 ♘xd3 14.♕xd3 ♗b7∞

11.♖f1

11.f4 ♘d3 12.♗xd3 cxd3 13.♕a4+ ♕d7 14.♕c4 h6! 15.♘f3 (15.♘xf7?? ♖b4-+) (15.♕xf7+ ♔d8 16.♘h3 (16.♘f3 ♕g4 17.h3 ♕h5 (17...♕xf4 18.e5 dxe5 19.♘xe5 ♗b7∞ 20.♖e3 ♖g8 21.♖xd3+ ♔c7 22.♖d7+) 18.♕xh5 ♘xh5 19.f5 ♗g7⩱) 16...♕g4 17.♘f2 ♕xf4 18.e5 dxe5 19.♖e3 ♘d7∞) 15...♖g8

11...h6 12.♘f3 ♘d3



12...♘xf3+ 13.♗xf3 ♘d7 14.♗e2 ♘e5 15.f4 ♘d3 16.♕a4+ ♕d7 17.♕xc4 ♘xb2 18.♗xb2 ♖b4 (18...♖xb2 19.♗h5±) 19.♕d3 ♖xb2 20.♖ab1±

13.♘e1! ♘xb2 14.♗xb2 ♖xb2 15.♗xc4 ♖b4 16.♕e2 ♗g7 17.♘c2± ♖b6 18.♖ab1 O-O 19.♖xb6 ♕xb6 20.♘e3 e6 21.f4 ♔h8 22.f5 a5 23.a4 ♕d8 24.h3 ♕e7 25.♗a6! ♗xa6

25...♗d7 26.♗b5 ♗c8 27.fxe6 ♗xe6 (27...fxe6?! 28.♘c4±) 28.♗c4±

26.♕xa6 ♘h5 27.♖f3?!

27.♘e2! ♖g8 (27...exf5 28.♖xf5 ♕h4 29.♔h2± ♗e5+? 30.♖xe5 dxe5 31.♕xh6+ ♔g8 32.♘f5+-) (27...♕h4 28.fxe6 fxe6 29.♕xd6 ♖xf1+ 30.♔xf1 ♕xe4 31.♕xc5±) 28.♕xa5 exf5 29.♖xf5 ♕h4 30.♕a6 ♕e1+ 31.♘f1±

27...♖g8 28.♘b5

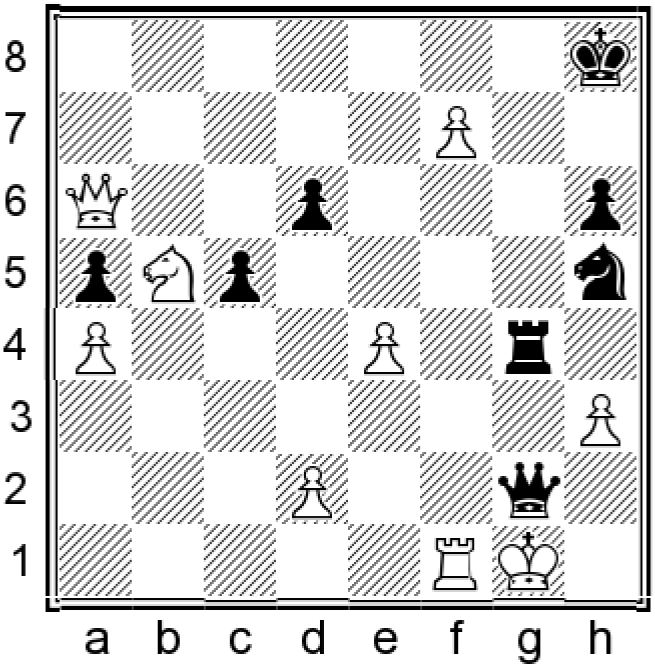
28.♘e2 ♕h4 29.♕d3 d5! 30.exd5 (30.♘g4 ♘f6 31.♘e5 c4! 32.♕e3 (32.♘xf7+? ♔h7 33.♕b1 ♕xe4∓) 32...♕xe4 33.♘xf7+ ♔h7 34.fxe6 ♕xe3+ 35.♖xe3 ♘e4∞) 30...exd5 31.f6 (31.♘xd5 ♖d8 32.♖f1 ♘f6 33.♘ec3 ♘xd5 34.♘xd5 ♕xa4∓) 31...♘xf6 32.♘f4 ♕e1+ 33.♖f1 ♕g3 34.♘fxd5 ♖d8 35.♖f3 ♕e1+ 36.♖f1 ♕g3=

28...♗e5 29.♘g4 ♕h4 30.fxe6

30.♘xd6 ♗d4+ 31.♘e3 ♕e1+ 32.♕f1 ♕xd2 33.♘c4 ♕c3 34.♔h2 ♗e5+ 35.♘xe5 ♕xe5+ 36.♔g1 ♕xe4 37.fxe6 fxe6 38.♘g4 ♕xa4 39.♘xh6 ♕d4+ 40.♔h2 ♕e5+ 41.♔g1 ♕d4+=30.♘xe5 ♕e1+ 31.♖f1 (31.♔h2? dxe5 32.♘d6 ♘g3 33.♘xf7+ ♔h7-+) 31...♖xg2+! 32.♔xg2 ♕g3+ 33.♔h1 ♕xh3+ 34.♔g1 ♕g3+=

30...fxe6?

30...♖xg4! 31.hxg4 (31.exf7 ♕e1+ 32.♖f1 ♗h2+ 33.♔xh2 ♕g3+ 34.♔g1 ♕xg2#



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31.♘xe5 dxe5

31...♕e1+ 32.♖f1 (32.♔h2? ♘f4!-+) 32...♖xg2+! 33.♔xg2 ♕g3+ 34.♔h1 ♕xh3+=

32.♕xe6 ♕e1+?

32...♕g5 33.♖f2 (33.g4 ♘f4 34.♕f5 ♕e7 35.♘a7 ♕d6 36.♘c6 ♖g5 37.♕c8+ ♖g8 38.♕f5=) 33...♘f4 34.♕g4 ♕xg4 35.hxg4 ♖xg4 (35...♖d8=∞) 36.♔h2 ♖h4+ 37.♔g3 ♖h1 38.♘d6 ♔g7 39.♘b7 ♖c1 40.♘xa5 ♖a1 41.♘c6 ♖xa4 42.♘xe5 ♖xe4=

33.♔h2+-

33.♖f1 ♕xe4 34.♕xh6+ ♕h7 35.♕e3 ♕g7 36.g4 ♘f4 37.♘d6+-

33...♖xg2+ 34.♔xg2 ♕xd2+

34...♕e2+ 35.♔g1 ♕xf3 36.♕xh6+ ♔g8 37.♕e6+ ♔f8 38.♕f5+ ♕xf5 39.exf5 ♔e7 40.♔f2 ♘g7 41.♔f3 ♘xf5 42.♔e4 ♔e6 43.♘c7+ ♔f6 44.♔d5+-

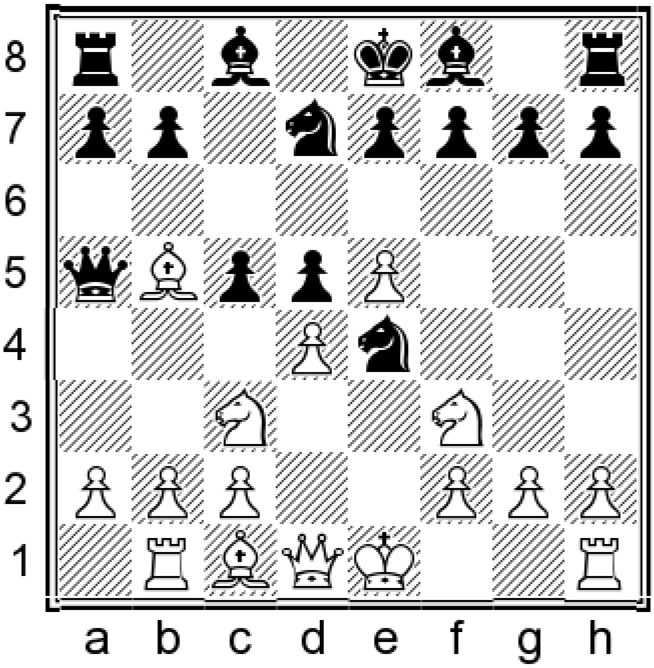
35.♔g1 ♕e1+ 36.♖f1 ♕e3+ 37.♖f2 ♕e1+ 38.♔g2 1-0

61.* !N [B51]
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2645) - Gordievsky, Dmitry (2511)
?, 2015 [Arsovic, Zoran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 ♘f6 5.e5 ♕a5+ 6.♘c3 ♘e4 7.♖b1!

7.♗d2 - 80/(185)

7...d5N



7...a6 8.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 9.O-O ♘xc3 10.bxc3 d5 11.♘g5! (11.♖xb7 ♗c6 12.♖b3±) 11...h6 (11...e6 12.♕f3+-) (11...♕xc3 12.e6 ♗xe6 13.♘xe6 fxe6 14.♗b2 ♕a5 15.♕h5+ ♔d8 16.♕f7+-) 12.e6 hxg5 13.exd7+ ♔xd7 14.♕g4++-7...e6 -127/(61) 8.d5!N (8.O-O) 8...a6 9.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 10.O-O ♘xc3 (10...exd5 11.♘xd5±) 11.bxc3 ♕c7 12.♘g5 exd5? (12...dxe5 13.♕f3 (13.f4↑) 13...f6 14.♘xe6±) 13.♖e1 ♗e6 14.exd6 ♕xd6 15.♖xb7 ♗e7 16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.♕g4 ♔f7 18.♗f4+- Gormally, D (2499) -Haussernot, C (2186) Hastings 127/(61) 2015

8.e6! fxe6 9.O-O ♘d6 10.♗xd7+

10.♕e2 cxd4 (10...♘xb5 11.♕xb5 ♕b6 (11...♕c7 12.♕e2±) 12.dxc5 ♕xc5 13.♗e3±) 11.♘xd4 ♘xb5 12.♘cxb5±

10...♗xd7 11.dxc5 ♕xc5 12.♗e3 ♕c7 13.♗d4 O-O-O?!

13...♖g8 14.♖e1 g6 15.♗e5↑

14.♖e1 ♘f5?!

14...h5 15.♘g5 ♖h6 16.♗e5±

15.♗e5 ♕b6 16.♘d4 ♘xd4 17.♗xd4 ♕a6 18.♗e5 ♗e8 19.b4! d4

19...♕c4 20.♖b3 ♗g6 21.♖a3 a6 22.♘a4+-

20.b5 ♕a5 21.♗xd4+- e5 22.♖xe5 e6 23.♕g4 ♕a3 24.♖e3

24.♕xe6+ ♗d7 25.♕c4++-

24...♕a5 25.♕xe6+ ♗d7 26.♕c4+ ♔b8 27.♗e5+ ♔a8 28.♘d5 ♖c8 29.♘c7+ ♔b8 30.♖d3

30.♖d3 ♗f5 31.♘e6++-1-0

62. [B51]
Kravtsiv, Martyn (2623) - Areshchenko, Alexander (2677)
Ukraine (ch) 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♕xd4 a6 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 7.O-O ♖c8 8.c4 e5 9.♕d3 b5 10.♘a3 ♕b6 11.cxb5

11.♗e3 - 122/(57)

11...♗xb5N

⌓11...axb5

12.♘xb5 ♕xb5

12...axb5? 13.♗e3 ♕b7 14.a4 bxa4 (14...♘f6 15.axb5 ♕xe4 16.♕b3±) 15.♖xa4±

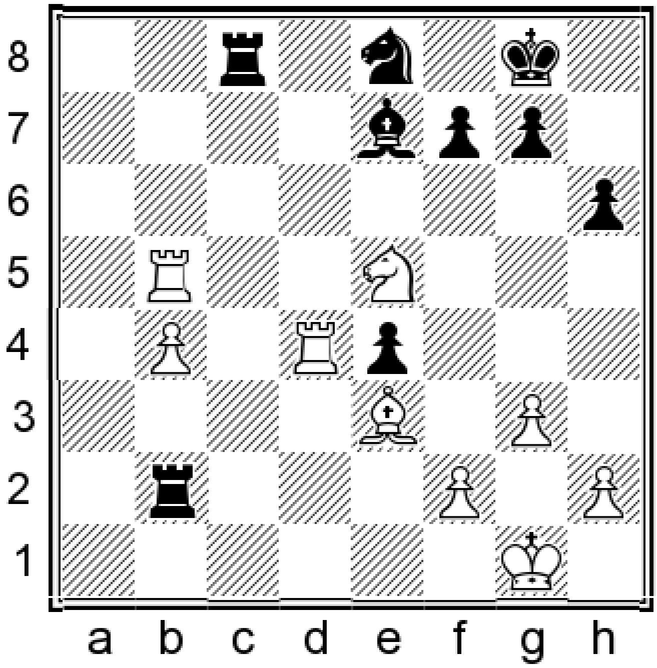
13.♕xb5+ axb5 14.a4! bxa4 15.♖xa4 ♘f6 16.♗g5 ♗e7 17.♖d1 O-O 18.g3 ♖c2 19.♖b4

19.♖d2! ♖c6 20.♖a7 h6 21.♗xf6 ♗xf6 22.♖b7±

19...d5 20.♖b5 dxe4

20...♗c5! 21.♖d2 (21.♗xf6 ♗xf2+ 22.♔g2 (22.♔f1 gxf6 23.exd5 ♖d8 24.♖d2 ♖c5 25.♖xc5 ♗xc5 26.♘h4 ♔f8 27.♘f5 ♔e8=) 22...♗e3+ 23.♔h3 gxf6 24.♖dxd5 ♔g7 25.♘h4 ♗g1 26.♘f3 ♗e3=) 21...♖c1+ 22.♔g2 ♘xe4 23.♖xd5 ♖c2 24.♘d2 ♘xg5 25.♖bxc5 ♖xc5 26.♖xc5 f6=

21.♘xe5 h6 22.♗e3 ♖fc8 23.b4± ♖b2 24.♖d4 ♘e8?!



24...♗f8 25.h3 ♖a8 26.♔g2 ♖b1 27.♖a5±

25.♘c4! ♖b1+

25...♖xb4? 26.♖xb4 ♗xb4 27.♘b6+-

26.♔g2 ♘f6 27.♘d2± ♖d1 28.♖b7 ♔f8 29.b5 ♘g4 30.♖xe4 ♘xe3+ 31.♖xe3 ♗g5 32.♖f3 ♖xd2

32...♗xd2 33.♖fxf7+ ♔e8 34.♖fe7+ ♔f8 35.♖ed7+-

33.♖fxf7++- ♔g8 34.♖xg7+ ♔h8 35.♖h7+ ♔g8 36.♖bg7+ ♔f8 37.♖xg5! 1-0

63. [B51]
Maze, Sebastien (2591) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2785)
Gibraltar 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♕xd4 a6 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♘c3 e5 9.♕d3 h6 10.♘d2 b5 11.a3 ♗e7N

11...♗e6 - 68/(157)

12.♖d1 ♗g4 13.f3 ♕b6+ 14.♔h1 ♗e6 15.♘f1 O-O 16.♘e3

16.♗e3 ♕b7 17.♗f2 ♖ac8 18.♘e3 ♖fd8=

16...♖ac8 17.♕e2 ♖c5

17...♕c6 18.♗d2 ♗d8⇄

18.♗d2 ♖fc8 19.♗e1 ♕b7⇄ 20.♖d2 a5

20...d5 21.exd5 ♘xd5 22.♘exd5 ♗xd5 23.♗f2 ♗c4 24.♕e1 ♖5c6 25.♕xe5 ♗f6⯹

21.♗f2 b4 22.♘a4 ♖5c6 23.♘d5 ♗d8!

23...b3 24.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 25.cxb3 ♗xb3 26.♘c3 ♕b7∞

24.b3 bxa3 25.♕d1 ♖a6

25...♗xd5!? 26.exd5 ♘xd5 27.♖xd5 ♖xc2 28.♘c5 ♕a8 29.♗g1 ♗b6 30.♕xc2 ♕xd5 31.♕e4 ♕xe4 32.♘xe4= ♗d4 33.♗xd4 exd4 34.h4∞

26.♖xa3

26.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 27.c4 ♗e7 28.♖da2 f5 29.♘c3 fxe4 30.fxe4 ♗f8∞

26...♘xd5 27.exd5 ♗f5

27...♗d7 28.c4 ♖b8∞

28.c4 ♗g5 29.♖da2 e4 30.fxe4 ♗xe4 31.♘c3

31.♗d4 ♗xd5! 32.h4 (32.♘b6 ♖xb6 33.♗xb6 ♗xg2+ 34.♖xg2 ♕xb6⯹) 32...♗f4 33.♖f2 ♗g3 34.cxd5 ♕xd5 35.♖e2 ♗e5 36.♖d2 ♕e4 37.♗xe5 dxe5⯹

31...♗f5 32.♘b5

32.♗d4 ♖e8 33.h3 (33.♖xa5? ♗c2! 34.♖xc2 ♖xa5∓) 33...♗d8∞

32...♗d7 33.♘c3 ♖e8

33...♗f5=

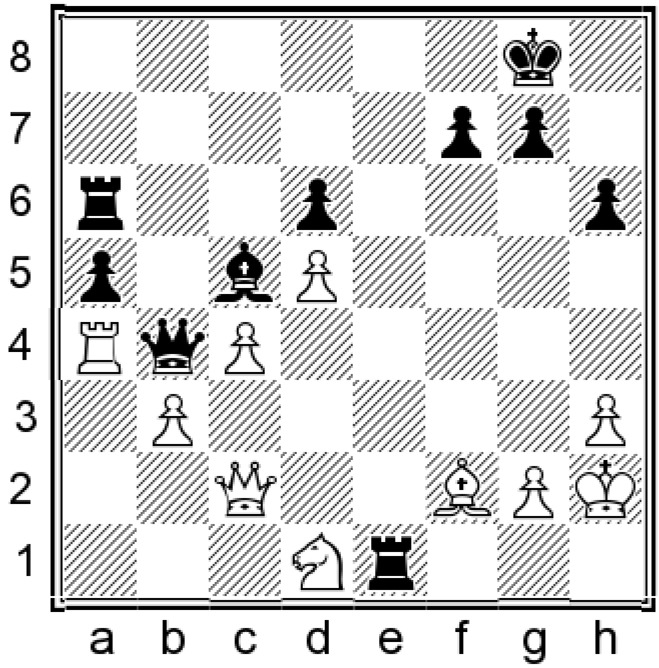
34.h3 ♕b4 35.♕c2?!

35.♗d4 ♗e3 36.♖a1 ♖aa8∞

35...♗e3 36.♘d1 ♗c5 37.♔h2 ♖e1! 38.♖a4?

38.♗xe1?! ♕xe1 39.♘f2 ♗xa3 40.♖xa3 ♖a8 41.♖a2 ♕e5+ 42.g3 ♗f5⩱38.♘b2! ♗xf2 39.♕xf2 ♕c3 40.♘d3! ♖e8 41.♕d2 ♕d4∞

38...♗xa4 39.♖xa4



39...♗xf2! 40.♖xb4 ♗g1+ 41.♔g3 axb4-+ 42.♕d2

42.♕b1 ♖a8 43.♔f3 ♗c5-+

42...♖e8 43.♕xb4 ♖b6

43...♖b6 44.♕a4 ♖eb8-+0-1

64.* [B51]
McShane, Luke J (2669) - Pert, Nicholas (2572)
Great Britain (ch-m/3-rapid) 2015 [Pert, Nicholas]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 d6 4.O-O ♗d7 5.♖e1 ♘f6 6.c3 a6 7.♗f1 e5 8.h3 g5!?

8...♗e7 - 100/119

9.♘xg5

9.d4 g4 10.hxg4 ♗xg4 11.dxe5N (11.d5) (11.dxc5) 11...♘xe5 12.♗e2 ♗xf3 13.♗xf3 ♖g8 14.♗f4 ♘fd7∞ Maze, S (2585) -Williams, S (2434) Bunratty 127/(64) 2015

9...♖g8 10.d4!

10.♘f3?! ♗xh310.h4 ♗g4 11.♗e2 ♗xe2 12.♕xe2 h6 13.♘f3 ♕d7⯹

10...h6

10...cxd4 11.cxd4 ♘xd4 12.♘c3±

11.♘f3 ♗xh3 12.dxe5?!

12.d5∞

12...dxe5 13.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 14.♘bd2 ♗g4N

14...♗e6

15.♘h4 ♘h5 16.♘c4 ♗e6! 17.♘e3

17.♘f5! ♘f4 18.g3 h5 19.♔h2±

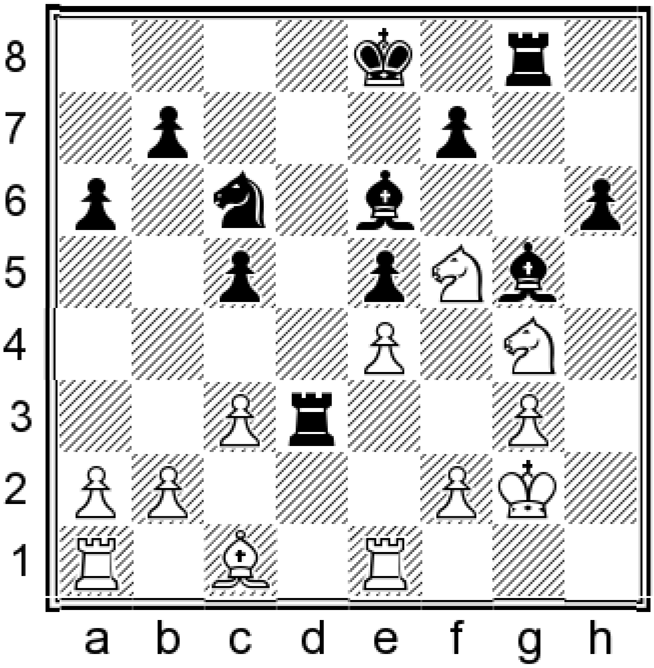
17...♘f4! 18.g3 ♘d3

18...h5!?⇄

19.♗xd3

19.♘d5! ♘xe1 20.♘f6+ ♔e7 21.♘xg8+ ♔e8 22.♗xh6 ♗xh6 23.♘xh6 ♘d3 24.♘6f5±

19...♖xd3 20.♔g2 ♗e7 21.♘hf5 ♗g5 22.♘g4



22.♖h1!

22...h5!

22...♗xc1 23.♘f6+! ♔f8 24.♘h7+ (24.♘xg8? ♗xb2-+) 24...♔e8 25.♖axc1±

23.♗xg5 hxg4 24.♗e3 c4 25.♖h1 ♘e7 26.♘xe7 ♔xe7 27.♖h5

27.♖ad1 ♗d7 28.♖xd3 cxd3 29.f3∓

27...f6 28.♗c5+ ♔f7 29.♖h7+ ♖g7 30.♖h8 ♗d7! 31.♖e1 ♗c6 32.♔g1 ♖g8 33.♖h7+ ♖g7 34.♖h8 ♖d2!∓ 35.♗a3 ♔e6 36.♖h4 a5! 37.♗f8?! ♖gd7!

37...♖f7 38.♗a3∓

38.♖xg4

38.♗a3 ♖d1 39.♖f1 ♗xe4 40.♖xg4 ♗f3 41.♖xc4 ♖xf1+ 42.♔xf1 ♖d1#

38...♖xb2-+ 39.a3 ♖c2 40.♗c5 ♖xc3 41.f4! exf4 42.gxf4 ♖cd3 43.e5 ♖d1

⌓43...c3-+

44.♔f2 ♖xe1 45.♔xe1 ♔f5⊕

45...♔f5 46.♖g3! (46.♖h4 c3 47.♗e3 ♔e4 48.♗c1 c2-+) 46...♔xf4 (46...fxe5 47.fxe5 ♔xe5∓) 47.♖c3 fxe5 48.♖xc4+∓0-1

65. [B61]
Anand, Viswanathan (2784) - Xu, Xiangyu (2466)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 ♗d7 7.♕d2 ♖c8 8.O-O-O ♘xd4 9.♕xd4 ♕a5 10.f4 h6 11.♗xf6 gxf6 12.♗e2 ♕c5 13.♕d3 ♗g7 14.f5 h5 15.♔b1 ♗h6 16.♖hf1 h4 17.♘d5 ♗a4N

17...♗g5 - 110/100

18.b3 ♗d7 19.b4! ♕c6 20.♖f3

20.c4!?

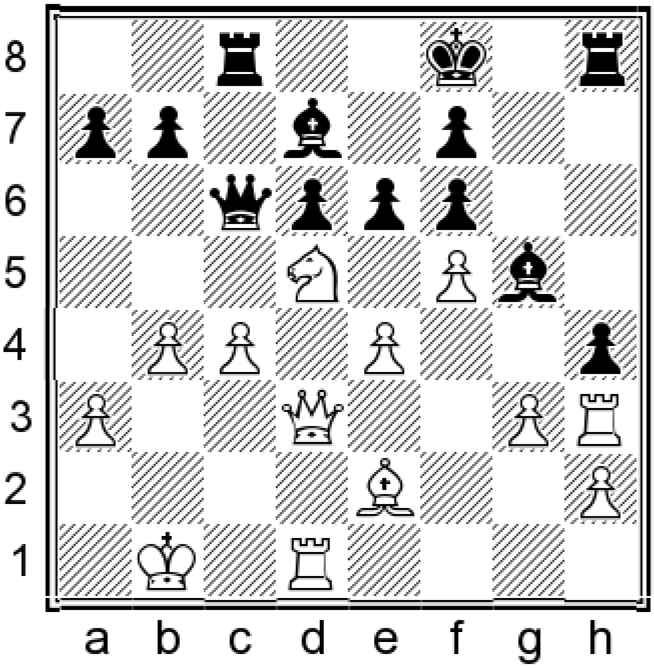
20...♕a4?!

20...b5!?

21.a3 ♔f8 22.c4 ♕c6

22...♗c6 23.♘xe7! ♔xe7 24.♕xd6+ ♔e8 25.♖d4±22...♗g5 23.b5 ♖d8 24.♕c3±22...♖g8 23.♖h3 ♖xg2 (23...♗g5 24.b5±) 24.♖xh4 ♗g7 25.♖e1 ♗c6 26.♖h7±

23.♖h3 ♗g5 24.g3± e6



25.gxh4! ♗xh4?!

25...exd5?! 26.hxg5 ♖xh3 (26...♖g8 27.gxf6+-) 27.♕xh3+-25...♖xh4 26.♖xh4 ♗xh4 27.♘c3±

26.♘c3?!

26.♖xh4! ♖xh4 27.♘xf6+-

26...♔e7?!

26...♕b626...a5

27.♘b5+- ♗f2 28.♘xd6! ♖cd8 29.♘xf7

29.e5

29...♖xh3

29...♔xf7 30.♖xh8 ♖xh8 31.♕xd7+

30.♘xd8

30.♘xd8 ♖xd3 31.♘xc6+1-0

66. [B67]
Florescu, Codrut Constantin (2273) - Vovk, Andrey (2619)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f3 ♗e7 10.h4 h6 11.♗e3 h5

11...♘xd4 12.♕xd4!? (12.♗xd4 - 67/(269)) 12...h5 (12...♕a5 13.g4 b5 14.a3 ♖b8 15.♘a2±) (12...b5 13.g4 e5 14.♕d2 b4 15.♘d5±) 13.♗e2 (13.♗g5 b5 14.♔b1 ♕c7 (14...♖b8 15.e5) 15.♗e2 ♖b8⇄) (13.♕d2 b5 14.a3 ♗c6 15.♖h3!? d5 16.♗d4 dxe4 17.♕f4↑) 13...b5 14.a3 ♕c7 15.g4!? hxg4 16.fxg4 e5 17.♕d2 ♘xg4 18.♗xg4 ♗xg4 19.♖dg1±

12.♗g5

12.♔b1 ♘e5 13.♗g5 b5 14.♗d3 (14.♕e1 - 83/(192)) 14...b4 15.♘ce2 ♕b6 16.♕e3 (16.f4?! ♘eg4 17.♖hf1 a5 18.f5 e5 19.♘f3 a4∓) (16.♖he1 a5⇄) 16...a5 17.♘g3 a4 18.♘df5 ♕xe3 19.♘xe3 a3⇄12.♘xc6 ♗xc6 13.♔b1 (13.♗f4 d5 14.♗e5 (14.♕e1 ♕b6 15.exd5 ♘xd5 16.♘xd5 ♗xd5 17.♔b1 ♗f6 18.b3 O-O-O=) 14...dxe4 15.♕f4 (15.♕g5 ♕b6⇄) 15...♕a5 16.fxe4 ♘g4! (16...O-O 17.♗e2±) 17.♗xg7 e5 18.♕f5 ♘e3 19.♕xe5 ♕xe5 20.♗xe5 ♘xd1 21.♗xh8 ♘f2=) 13...♕c7! (13...d5 14.♕f2 ♗b4 15.♗b6!±) (13...♖c8 14.♗f4 d5 15.♗e5 dxe4 (15...O-O?! 16.♕g5↑) 16.♕f4 ♕a5 17.fxe4 O-O 18.♗e2 ♘d7 19.♗d6±) (13...O-O 14.♖h3!? d5 15.♗d4 dxe4 16.♕g5↑) 14.♗f4 ♖d8 15.♕f2 (15.♖h3!?) 15...b5 16.a3 O-O 17.♕g3 ♖fe8 18.♗h6 g6 19.♗g5 ♖c8 (19...♕b7 20.♕f4±) 20.♕f4 d5

12...♘e5

12...♕c7 13.♘xc6 ♗xc6 14.♔b1 b5 15.♘e2 ♗b7 16.♘d4 ♕b6 17.g3 O-O 18.♗h3±

13.f4 ♘eg4 14.♕e1 ♕c7 15.♖d3!?N

15.♗d3 b5 16.a3 O-O 17.♔b1 ♖ab8⇄15.♖h3 b5 16.a3 e5!? (16...♖c8 17.♗e2 ♕b6 18.♔b1 O-O 19.♖hd3±) (16...O-O - 91/188) 17.♘f5 ♗xf5 18.exf5 O-O 19.♗e2 ♖ac8 20.♗xg4 ♘xg4 21.♗xe7 ♕xe7 22.♘d5 ♕d8 23.fxe5 dxe5 24.♖f3 (24.♖hd3 ♖e8⇄) 24...♖c5 25.♖fd3 ♘f6 26.♕xe5 ♘xd5 27.♖xd5 ♖xd5 28.♖xd5 ♕xh4 29.f6 ♖c8=15.g3 b5 16.a3 O-O (16...♖b8 17.♗h3± Δ♕c5?! 18.e5±) 17.♗h3 ♖fe8 18.♖f1 ♖ab8⇄15.♗e2!? ♘e3 (15...♖c8?! 16.♗xg4 hxg4 17.e5±) (15...b5?! 16.♗xg4 ♘xg4 (16...hxg4 17.e5 dxe5 18.fxe5 b4 19.exf6 gxf6 20.♕e4!±) 17.♗xe7 ♔xe7 18.♘f5+) (15...♕c5 16.♗xg4 ♘xg4 17.♗xe7 ♔xe7 18.♕d2 ♖hd8 19.f5± ↑) (15...♗c6 16.♗f3 ♖c8 (16...g6 17.f5!) 17.♕e2 O-O 18.♖he1±) (15...♗d8!? 16.♖h3!? O-O 17.♖hd3 b5 18.a3 ♖c8 19.♔b1±) 16.♖d2 (16.♖d3!? ♘c4 17.b3 ♘a3 18.♗f3 ♗b5 (18...♘b5 19.e5) 19.♖d1 ♖c8 20.♔b2±) 16...♖c8 (16...♘xg2?! 17.♕g3 ♘xf4 18.♗xf4 e5 19.♕xg7 ♖h7 20.♕g5 exf4 21.♘f5±) (16...♗d8 17.♕g3 ♘eg4 18.♗xg4 ♘xg4 19.f5±) 17.♕g3 ♘eg4 (17...♘c4 18.♗xc4 ♕xc4 19.e5 d5 20.exf6 gxf6 21.f5±) 18.♖e1! b5 19.a3↑ Δ♕d8? 20.♗xg4 ♘xg4 21.♗xe7 ♕xe7 22.♘f5+-

15...b5 16.♗e2

16.a3 e5 17.♘f5 ♗xf5 18.exf5 O-O 19.♗e2 ♖ac8⇄

16...b4 17.♗xg4!?

17.♘d1 ♖c8 18.♗xg4 hxg4 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♘e3 a5!? (20...♕b7 21.♘xg4 ♗xd4 22.♖xd4 b3 23.axb3 ♕xb3 24.♘e3 ♕a2 25.h5 ♕a1+ 26.♔d2 ♕xb2 27.♕a1 ♕xa1 28.♖xa1 e5=) 21.♔b1 (21.♕d1 a4↑) 21...a4! (21...O-O 22.♕d1±) 22.g3 (22.♕xb4 ♖b8⯹) (22.h5 ♕c5 23.♕d1 ♖xh5 24.♖xh5 ♕xh5 25.♘xg4 ♕c5⇄) 22...♖h5 23.♕d2 ♖c5 24.h5 (24.♖d1 ♕b7 25.e5 dxe5 26.fxe5 ♗xe5 27.♘df5 b3!↑) 24...♕b7 25.h6! ♕xe4 26.♖e1 ♕h7 27.hxg7 ♗xg7 (27...♕xg7? 28.♘ef5+-) 28.♕xb4 e5 29.♘e2 ♖xc2 30.♕xd6 ♖2c7∞

17...bxc3

17...♘xg4 18.♗xe7 ♔xe7 (18...bxc3 19.♖xc3 ♕b6 20.♘f5! g6 21.♗xd6!? gxf5 22.♗c5 ♕b7 23.exf5 ♕xg2 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.♖d3⯹) 19.♘d1 (19.♘f5+? ♔f8 20.♘xd6 bxc3∓) 19...a5 20.♘f2 ♖ac8 (20...♖hc8?! 21.♘xg4 hxg4 22.e5↑) 21.♘xg4 hxg4 22.♕d2 (22.e5?! dxe5 23.fxe5 ♖h5) 22...♖h5⇄

18.♗f3

18.♖xc3?! ♕b6∓

18...cxb2+ 19.♔b1

19.♔xb2 ♖b8+ 20.♖b3 e5!? 21.♘f5 ♗xf5 22.exf5 O-O 23.♕c3 ♕xc3+ 24.♔xc3 e4∓

19...♖c8

19...e5 20.♖c3 ♕d8 (20...♕b6? 21.♘f5±) 21.♘f5 O-O 22.♕g3 ♗xf5 23.exf5 exf4 24.♕xf4∞

20.e5!∞ ♗a4!?

20...dxe5 21.fxe5 ♘g4 22.♗xe7 ♔xe7 23.♗xg4 hxg4 24.♖f1 ♖h5 25.♖e3 ♗b5 26.♖f4 ♗c4 27.♖xg4 ♔f8 28.♖f4 ♕b6 29.♘b3∞

21.♔xb2

21.exf6? ♗xc2+ 22.♔xb2 ♕b6+ 23.♘b3 ♗xd3 24.fxe7 f6-+

21...dxe5 22.fxe5 ♖b8+

22...♘d7!? 23.♗xe7 ♘xe5 24.♖a3! (24.♗b4 ♕xc2+! 25.♘xc2 ♘xd3+ 26.♔a3 ♘xe1 27.♘xe1 ♗c6∓) 24...♕b6+ 25.♘b3 ♗xb3 26.♖xb3 ♕d4+ 27.c3 ♘d3+ 28.♔a1 ♘xe1 29.cxd4 ♘c2+ 30.♔b1! ♔xe7 31.♖d1 ♖hd8 32.d5 a5 (32...e5 33.d6+ ♖xd6 (33...♔e6 34.♗b7!) 34.♖c1 ♖d2 35.♗e4±) 33.dxe6 ♖xd1+ 34.♗xd1 ♘d4 35.♖b7+ ♔xe6 36.♗xh5 g6 37.♗d1=

23.♔a1 ♗b4!?

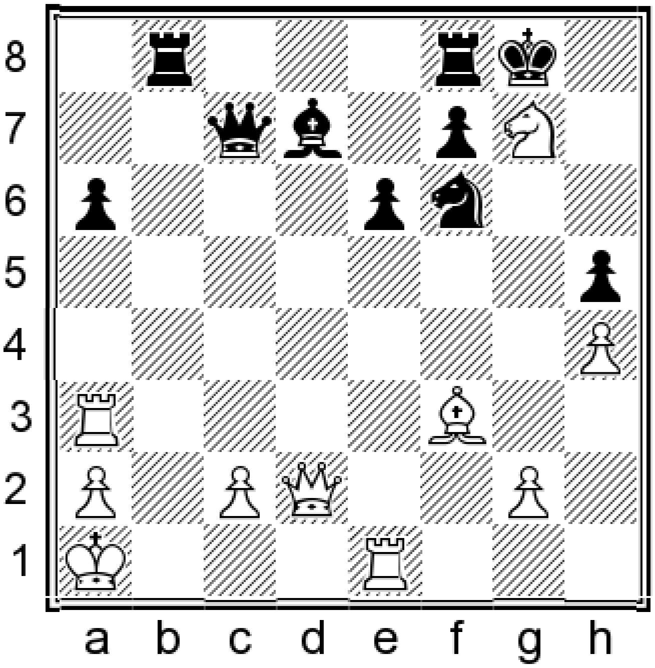
23...♘d7 24.♗xe7 ♔xe7 25.♕c1! ♕xe5 26.♕a3+ ♘c5 27.♖hd1 ♖hc8 28.♖e3 ♕f6 29.♖c3 ♕e5 30.♖e3=

24.♗d2?!

24.c3! ♗a3 25.♗c1 ♗xc1 26.♕xc1 ♘d7 (26...♕xe5? 27.♕a3 ♗b5 28.♗c6++-) 27.♕a3 ♘c5 28.♗c6+! ♗xc6 29.♕xc5 ♖c8 30.♖b1 ♗e4 31.♕xc7 ♖xc7 32.♖b8+ ♔e7 33.♘c6+! ♖xc6 34.♖b7+=

24...♗xd2 25.♕xd2 ♕xe5∓ 26.♖e1 ♕c5!?

26...♕c7 27.♖a3 (27.♘f5 ♕xc2 28.♗c6+ ♕xc6 29.♕g5 ♘d5 30.♘xg7+ ♔d7 31.♘xe6 fxe6 32.♕g7+ ♔c8 33.♕xh8+ ♔b7 34.♖b1+ ♗b5∓) 27...♗d7! (27...♗b5 28.c4! ♗d7 (28...♗xc4 29.♗c6+ ♔f8 30.♖c3∞) 29.♘f5 O-O 30.♘xg7 ♕xc4 31.♖d3⇄) 28.♖c3 (28.♘f5 O-O 29.♘xg7



29...♖b5!∓) (28.♖xa6 O-O 29.♖a5 ♖fc8 30.♗xh5 ♘xh5 31.♖xh5 f6!∓ Δ e5) 28...♕d6 29.♖d3 ♕b4∓

27.♘b3 ♕e7

27...♗xb3 28.axb3 O-O 29.♔b2 Δ Ra1

28.♖e5

28.♕a5 ♗b5 29.♖d4 O-O 30.c4 ♗d7 31.♕xa6 (31.♗xh5? ♘xh5 32.♕xh5 ♖xb3-+) 31...♖fc8 32.c5 ♗b5 33.♕d6 ♕a7 34.♖c1 ♗a4 35.♘d2 ♗d7!∓ Δ Nd528.♖d4 ♗b5 (28...♗d7 29.♖e5 ♖b5 30.♖g5⇄) 29.c4 ♗a4 30.♕a5 ♗xb3 31.♗c6+ ♔f8 32.axb3 g6∓

28...♗b5 29.♖d4 O-O! 30.♗xh5 ♘xh5 31.♖xh5 ♖fd8 32.♖g5

32.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 33.♕c3 ♕a3 34.♕e1 ♖c8∓

32...e5! 33.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 34.♕e1

34.♕c3 ♕a3 35.♕e1 e4∓

34...f6!?

34...e4 35.♕c3 f6 36.♖g3 ♕a3 37.♕e1 f5∓

35.♖g3 ♗c6

35...♗e8∓ Δ Bf7

36.♔b2 ♕b7

36...e4! 37.♕c3 (37.h5 ♔h7∓ Δ Qe5) 37...♗d5 38.♖e3 f5∓

37.♕f2

37.h5 ♗e4 38.h6 (38.c4 ♖c8) 38...g5! (38...g6 39.♖g4 ♗f5 40.♖c4∓) 39.♖e3 (39.♖g4 ♗g6 40.♕f2 ♖d6 41.♕c5 ♖c6! 42.♕d5+ ♔h7 43.♖c4 ♖c7 44.♕xb7 ♖xb7 45.♖c6 f5∓) 39...♗xg2 40.♕f2 ♖f8 (40...♖d6?! 41.c4⯹) 41.♖d3 (41.h7+ ♔xh7 42.♖xe5 ♔g7 43.♖e6 ♔g6 44.♕e3 ♕f3∓) 41...a5! 42.h7+ ♔xh7 43.♕f5+ ♔h8□ 44.♖d7 ♕e4 45.♕e6 ♕g6∓

37...♖d6

37...♔f7 38.♕e2 ♗e4 39.h5 ♖c8 40.c3⩱ ∆ Qg4

38.h5

38.♕c5!? ♕d7 39.♕f2

38...♗e4! 39.♖g4

39.h6 g5∓39.♔c1!?

39...a5??⊕

39...♔h7! 40.♖h4 f5∓

40.a4?⊕

40.h6! g5 41.♖xe4 ♕xe4 42.♕a7+-

40...f5

40...♔h7!∓

41.♖g6 ♖xg6 42.hxg6 ♕c6

⌓42...f4 43.♕c5 ♗xg6 44.♕xa5 ♕xg2⩱

43.♘c5 ♕b6+ 44.♔c1 ♕xg6

44...♗d5 45.♕h4! ♕d6 46.♘b7 ♕f6 47.♕h7+ ♔f8 48.♕h8+ ♗g8 49.♕h3! ♕xg6 50.♕a3+ ♔e8 51.♕c5=

45.♘xe4 fxe4 46.c4?

46.♕d2! ♔h7 47.♕xa5 ♕g3 48.♕b5 ♕c3 49.a5=

46...♕c6

46...♕f7! 47.♕c2 (47.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 48.♔d2 ♔e6 49.♔e3 ♔d6 50.♔xe4 ♔c5-+) 47...♕f1+ 48.♔b2 ♕d3-+

47.♕c2 e3 48.c5 e2 49.♕xe2 ♕xc5+ 50.♔d1 ♕d4+ 51.♔e1 e4 52.♕a2+ ♔h7 53.♕e2 g6

53...♕xa4 54.♕h5+ ♔g8 55.♕d5+ ♔f8 56.♕f5+ ♔e7 57.♕e5+ ♔d8 58.♕d6+ ♕d7 59.♕f8+ ♔c7 60.♕c5+ ♔b7 61.♕xa5 ♕d4⩱

54.♕g4 ♔g7?!

54...♕xa4 55.♕h4+ ♔g8 56.♕d8+ ♔f7 57.♕d5+ ♔e7 58.♕e5+ ♔d7 59.♕g7+ ♔c8 60.♕xg6 ♕b4+ 61.♔e2 a4∓

55.♕g5!⩱ ♕a1+ 56.♔e2 ♕b2+ 57.♔e1 ♕b4+ 58.♔e2 ♔f7 59.♕d5+ ♔f6 60.g4! ♕b2+ 61.♔e3 ♕a3+ 62.♔d2 ♕b2+ 63.♔e3 ♕c1+ 64.♔xe4 ♕e1+ 65.♔d4 ♕d2+ 66.♔c4 ♕b4+ 67.♔d3 ♕xg4

67...♕xa4 68.g5+=

68.♕xa5= ♕f3+ 69.♔d2 ♕f2+ 70.♔d3 g5 71.♕c3+ ♔g6 72.♕c6+ ♔h5 73.♕e8+ ♔h4 74.♕h8+ ♔g3 75.♕e5+ ♔h4 76.♕h8+ ♔g3 77.♕e5+ ♕f4 78.♕e3+ ♔g2 79.♕d2+ ♔h3 80.a5 ♕f1+ 81.♔e4 ♕c4+ 82.♕d4 ♕c6+ 83.♕d5 1/2-1/2

67. [B67]
Blomqvist, Erik (2490) - Li, Chao (2750)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f4 b5 10.♗xf6 gxf6 11.♔b1 b4 12.♘ce2 ♕b6 13.♘xc6 ♗xc6 14.f5 e5 15.♘g3 ♕c5 16.♘h5 ♔e7 17.♗d3 ♖g8 18.♖he1

18.♖hg1 - 93/163

18...a5 19.♕e2 a4 20.♗c4 ♖a7 21.h4 ♗h6 22.g4 ♗f4 23.♘xf4

23.g5 fxg5 24.f6+ ♔f8 25.♘g7 ♖xg7! (25...gxh4? 26.♖g1! b3 (26...♗d7 27.♕h5! ♕xc4 28.♕xh7 ♗g3 29.♕h6+- ∆ Nf5) 27.cxb3 ♗g3 28.♗xf7! ♖xg7 (28...♔xf7 29.♕h5+ ♔xf6 30.♕h6++-) 29.fxg7+ ♔xf7 30.♖c1 ♕b6 31.♕g4 ♔g8 32.♖gf1 ♗f4 33.♕c8+ ♔xg7 34.♖xc6+-) 26.fxg7+ ♔xg7 27.hxg5 ♗xg5=∞

23...exf4 24.g5

24.♗d5!?

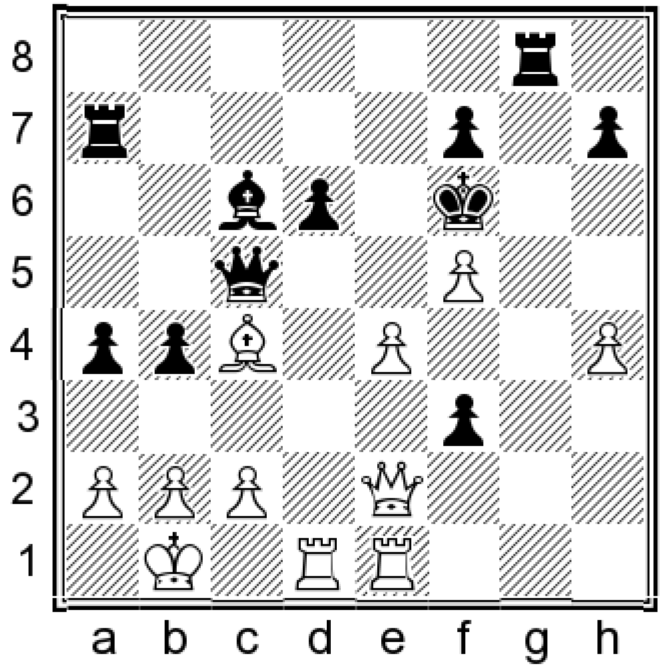
24...f3N

24...fxg5 25.hxg5 ♖xg5 26.♕h2 ♖d7 27.♕xf4 (27.♗d5) 27...f6 28.♗e6 ♖b7 29.♕h2 h5 30.♗d5±

25.gxf6+

25.♕d2!?

25...♔xf6?



25...♔d8 26.♕e3 ♕xe3 27.♖xe3 ♖g4=∞

26.♕xf3! ♕xc4

26...♔e7 27.♕f4 ♕e5 28.f6+ ♔e8 29.♕f5+-

27.♕f4!+-

27.♖xd6+? ♔e5 (27...♔e7? 28.♕f4→) 28.♖d8! ♖xd8 29.♕g3+ ♔f6 30.♕g5+ ♔e5 31.♕g3+=27.♕e3!? ♗xe4 28.♕h6+ ♔xf5 29.♖f1+ ♔g4 30.♖g1+ ♔f5 31.♖df1+ ♔e5 32.♕f6+ ♔d5 33.♖d1+ ♔c6 34.♕xd6+ ♔b5 35.♖xg8+-

27...♕c5 28.♖xd6+ ♔e7 29.f6+ ♔e8 30.♖xc6! ♕xc6 31.♕b8+ ♔d7 32.♖d1+ ♔e6 33.♕xa7 ♔xf6 34.♖f1+ ♔e5 35.♕xf7

♖g2 36.♕e7+ ♔d4 37.♕xb4+ ♔e5 38.♕e7+ ♔d4 39.♕a7+ ♔e5 40.♕a5+ ♔d4 41.♕d8+ ♔xe4 42.♕e7+ ♔d5 43.c4+ 1-0

68. [B77]
Yu, Yangyi (2747) - Edouard, Romain (2617)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

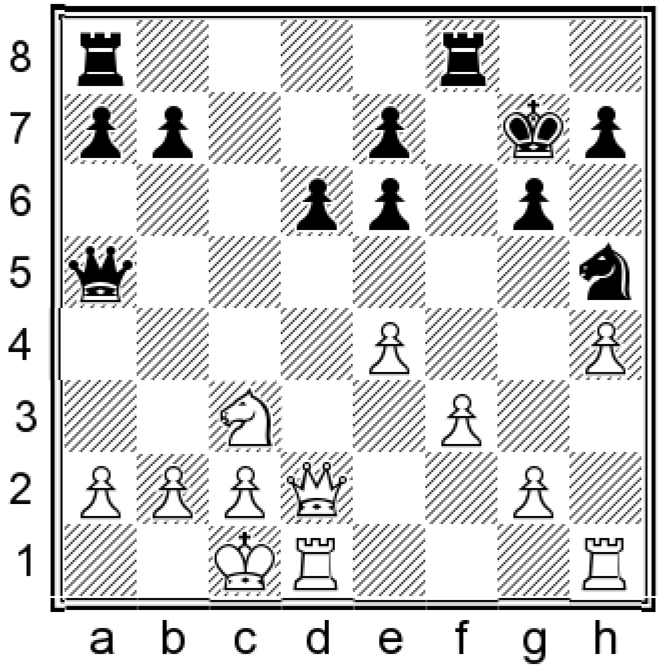
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 O-O 9.♗c4 ♘xd4 10.♗xd4 ♗e6 11.♗xe6

11.♗b3 - 123/68

11...fxe6 12.O-O-O ♕a5 13.h4 ♘h5N

13...b513...♖ac8

14.♗xg7 ♔xg7



15.e5!?

15.♕g5 ♕xg5+ (15...♕d8 16.e5!? ♖f5 17.♕d2 ♖xe5 18.f4 ♖c5 19.g4 ♘f6 20.♖de1=∞ ↑) 16.hxg5 e5 17.♘d5 ♖f7 18.♘c7 ♖c8 19.♘e6+ ♔g8 20.♖d5↑

15...♕xe5

15...dxe5?! 16.♕g5±15...d5 16.♔b1 ♖ac8 17.♘e2 ♕xd2 18.♖xd2±

16.♖de1 ♕f6 17.♘e4 ♕f4 18.♘g5 ♕xd2+ 19.♔xd2 ♘f4 20.g3 h6 21.♘xe6+ ♘xe6 22.♖xe6 ♔f7?!

22...♖ae8 23.h5 gxh5 24.f4 ♖f5 25.a4↑

23.♖he1 ♖fe8 24.g4

24.h5!? gxh5 25.♖1e4± ↑

24...h5! 25.gxh5 gxh5 26.f4

26.♖1e4!?

26...♖ac8 27.f5

27.♖1e4 ♖c5=

27...b5

⌓27...♖c4 28.f6 ♖xh4 (28...♖d4+) 29.fxe7 ♖h2+ 30.♔d3 ♖h1=

28.♖1e4 a5

⌓28...d5 29.♖e3 (29.♖b4 ♖c5= Δ Rg8) 29...♖c4=

29.a3 ♖b8

29...b4!?

30.c3± ♖bc8 31.♔d3

31.b4

31...♖b8

31...a4!?

32.b3 ♖bc8 33.b4 axb4 34.axb4 ♖c6 35.f6 ♖ec8 36.fxe7 ♖xc3+ 37.♔d2 ♖c2+ 38.♔e3 d5?

38...♖e8 39.♖h6 d5! 40.♖e5 ♖c4 41.♖hxh5 ♖xb4=

39.♖4e5± d4+?!

39...♖2c3+ 40.♔f4 ♖e8

40.♔e4+- ♖e8 41.♔d5 d3 42.♖f5+ ♔g7 43.♖g5+ ♔f7 44.♖f5+ ♔g7 45.♔d6 d2 46.♖g5+ ♔f7 47.♖f5+ ♔g7 48.♖d5 ♔f7 49.♖ee5 1-0

69. [B78]
Fiala, Vaclav (2217) - Carlsson, Pontus (2430)
Gibraltar 2016 [Carlsson, Pontus]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘c6 9.♗c4 ♗d7 10.O-O-O ♖c8 11.♗b3 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.e5 dxe5 14.♗xe5 ♗c6 15.♕e1?! ♕b6 16.♔b1?!

16.h4!? a5 17.♗d4 (17.h5 a4 18.hxg6 axb3 19.♕h4 ♕e3+!-+) 17...♕b7 18.h5 a4 19.♗d5 a3 20.hxg6 axb2+ 21.♔b1 hxg6 22.♗b3 ♖fd8∓

16...a5N

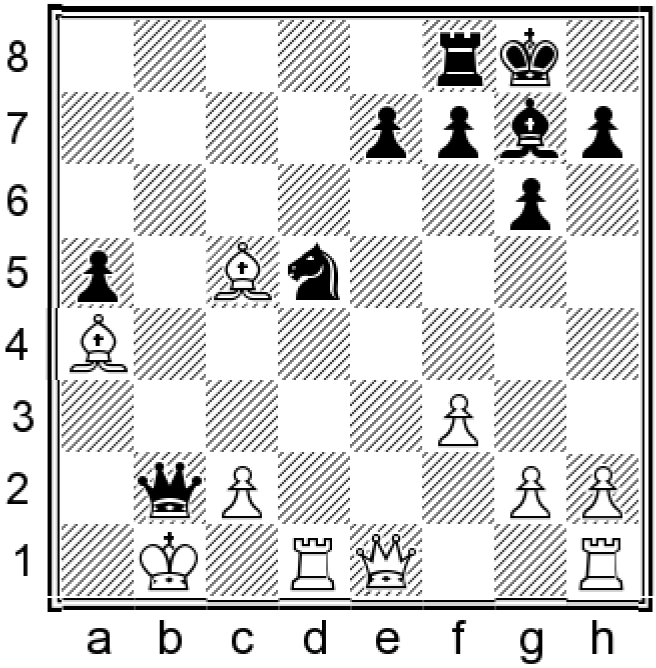
16...♕b7

17.a4 bxa4! 18.♘xa4 ♗xa4! 19.♗xa4 ♖c5!

19...♖c4! 20.♗b3 ♖b4 21.♗c3 e6! (21...♖xb3 22.cxb3 ♕xb3 23.♕e5! (23.♕xe7? ♘d5 24.♖xd5 ♕xd5 25.♗xg7 ♕d3+ 26.♔a2 ♔xg7 27.♕e5+ ♔g8∓ 28.♕xa5?? ♖b8 29.♖b1? ♕b3+ 30.♔a1 ♖b4-+) 23...e6 24.♖d7 a4 25.♖a7±) 22.♗xb4 (22.♕d2 ♖b5! (22...♘h5 23.♗xb4 axb4 24.♗a4 ♖a8 25.♕d7 ♘f6 26.♕c6 ♕a7 27.g3 ♘d5 28.♖xd5 exd5 29.♖e1 ♗f8 30.♖e8 ♖xe8 31.♕xe8 ♕g1+ 32.♔a2 ♕xh2∓) 23.♗c4? ♖xb2+ 24.♗xb2 ♘e4 25.♕c1 ♘c3+ 26.♔a1 ♕c6 27.♗b3 a4-+) 22...axb4→ <->a

20.♗d4 ♘d5! 21.♗xg7

21.♗xc5?? ♕xb2#

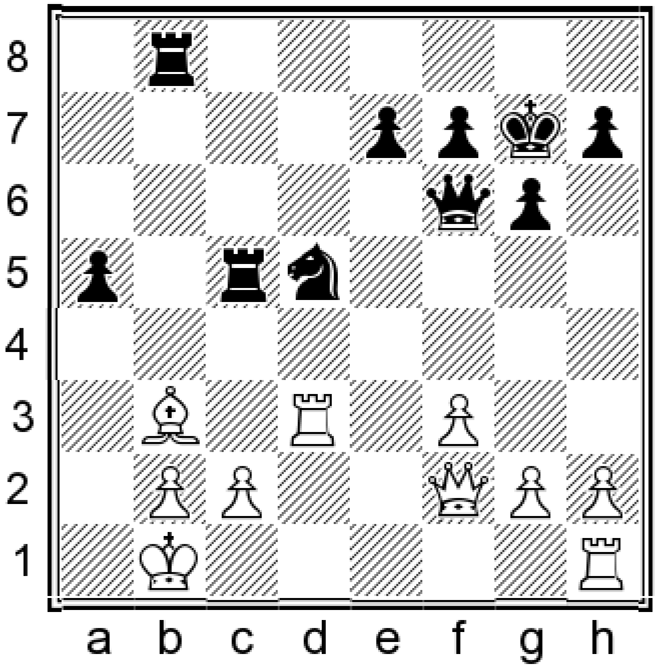


21.c4? ♖b8! 22.b3 ♗xd4 23.♖xd4 ♖b5! 24.♖d3 (24.♖xd5 ♖xb3+ 25.♗xb3 ♕xb3+ 26.♔c1 ♕xc4+-+) 24...♖b4

21...♔xg7 22.♖d3?

22.♗b3! ♘c3+! 23.bxc3 a4 24.♔b2 axb3 (24...♖b5?! 25.♕e4! axb3 26.♕d4+! ♕xd4 27.♖xd4 bxc2+ 28.♖b4!=) 25.cxb3 ♖b8 26.b4 ♕f6 27.♖d4 e5 28.♖d7 e4 29.♖d4 exf3 30.gxf3 ♖f5∓ (30...♖e5!?∓)

22...♕f6! [/^f6-b2] **23.♗b3 ♖b8! 24.♕f2**



24.♕d2 ♘f4 (24...♘b6 25.♕f2 ♖b5 26.♕d4 e5 27.♕d6 ♕xd6 28.♖xd6 a4 29.♗a2 ♘c8 30.♖d7 ♖xb2+ 31.♔a1 ♖2b7 32.♖hd1 ♘e7∓) 25.♖d4 ♘xg2 26.h4 ♖h5 27.♖g4 ♘xh4-+

24...♖xc2!! 25.♕d4!?

25.♔xc2? ♘b4+ 26.♔b1 ♘xd3 27.♕c2 a4 28.♕xd3 ♖xb3 29.♕c2 ♕e6-+ Δ a325.♕xc2 ♘b4 26.♕c3 ♘xd3 27.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 28.♔c2 ♘b4+∓

25...♖xg2! 26.♗xd5

26.♕xf6+?? ♘xf6-+

26...♖bxb2+ 27.♔a1 e5??

27...e6! 28.♕xf6+ (28.♗e4? ♖a2+ 29.♔b1 ♖gb2+ 30.♔c1 ♖c2+ 31.♔b1 e5 32.♕d6 ♖cb2+ 33.♔c1 ♕f4+-+) (28.♗c4 ♖bc2 29.♗b3 ♖xh2 30.♗xc2 ♖xh1+ 31.♔b2 h5-+) 28...♔xf6 29.♗c4 ♖bc2 30.♗b3 ♖xh2 31.♗xc2 ♖xh1+ 32.♔b2 h5-+

28.♕xb2 ♖xb2 29.♔xb2 e4+ 30.♖c3 ♕b6+ 31.♔c2 ♕f2+ 32.♔b3 ♕b6+ 33.♔c2 ♕f2+ 34.♔b3 e3 35.♖cc1 ♕d2 36.♗c4 ♕b4+ 37.♔a2 ♕d2+ 38.♔b1 ♕b4+ 39.♔a1 ♕a4+ 40.♔b1 f5 41.f4 ♕b4+ 42.♔a1 ♕d2 43.♖hd1! ♕xh2 44.♖d7+ ♔h6 45.♗g8 ♕xf4 46.♖xh7+ ♔g5 47.♖g1+

47.♖g1+ ♔f6 48.♖f7+ ♔e5 49.♖e7+ ♔d6 50.♖e6+ ♔c5 51.♖c1+ ♔b5 52.♖b1+ ♔c5 53.♖c1+=1/2-1/2

70. [B78]
Yu, Yangyi (2747) - Jones, Gawain C (2625)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

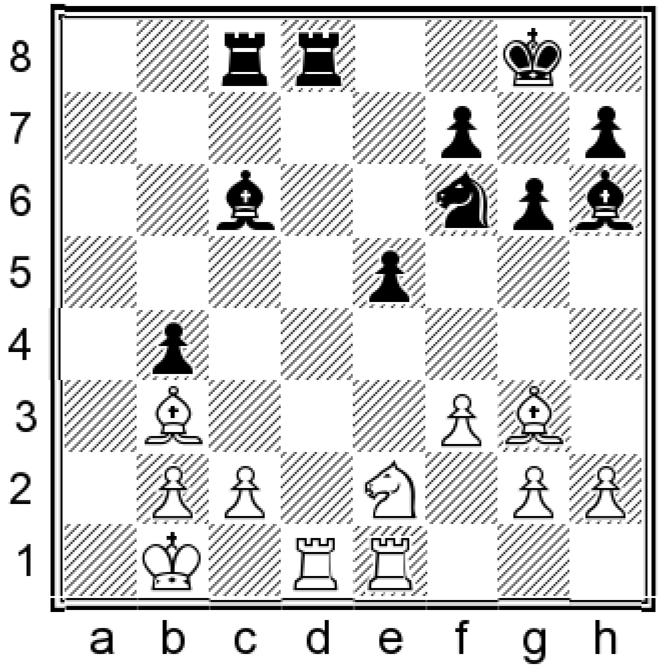
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 O-O 9.♗c4 ♗d7 10.♗b3 ♖c8 11.O-O-O ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.e5 dxe5 14.♗xe5 ♗c6 15.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 16.♘e2N

16.a4 - 93/(173)

16...♗h6+ 17.♔b1 ♘d7

17...♘d5!? 18.♘d4 ♗b7 19.♘xb5 ♘e3 20.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 21.♘xa7 ♘xg2∞

18.♗d4 a5 19.a3 b4!? 20.axb4 axb4 21.♖he1 e5 22.♗f2 ♘f6 23.♗g3?!



23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♗h4 ♔g7 25.♘c1 ♖d2 26.♘d3 ♖xg2 27.♘xe5 ♗d2 28.♖h1 ♗e8=23.♗h4 ♔g7 24.♘c1 g5 25.♗f2 e4=

23...♗d2! 24.♖g1 e4∓ 25.♗e5 exf3 26.gxf3 ♗xf3 27.♗xf6 ♗xe2 28.♗xd8 ♖xd8 29.c3 ♗xd1 30.♖xd1 ♖b8 31.♔c2 ♗f4 32.♖d7 ♖f8 33.h3 bxc3 34.bxc3 ♔g7 35.♗d5 g5 36.c4 ♔g6 37.c5 h5 38.c6 f5 39.c7?!

39.♖e7 h4 (39...g4 40.h4= ∆ Re6-e7) 40.♔d3 g4 41.hxg4 fxg4 42.c7=

39...♖c8 40.♔d3

40.♗f7+ ♔f6 41.♗xh5 ♗xc7∓

40...g4 41.hxg4 hxg4 42.♗b7 ♖xc7 43.♖xc7 ♗xc7 [NB 6/b] **44.♔e3 ♔g5 45.♗c8??**

45.♔f2=

45...f4+ 46.♔e4 ♔h4 47.♔f5 g3 0-1

71. [B78]
Ma, Qun (2606) - Jones, Gawain C (2625)
Auckland 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♗c4 O-O 9.♕d2 ♗d7 10.O-O-O ♖c8 11.♗b3 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 15.exd5 a5 16.a3 ♔g8 17.♖he1 ♖c5 18.♖e3 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.♕xb4 ♕a8 21.♗c4 ♗f5 22.♖a3 ♕c8 23.b3 ♕c7 24.♕d2 ♖c8

24...♖b8 - 125/61

25.♕d4N

25.♖a4

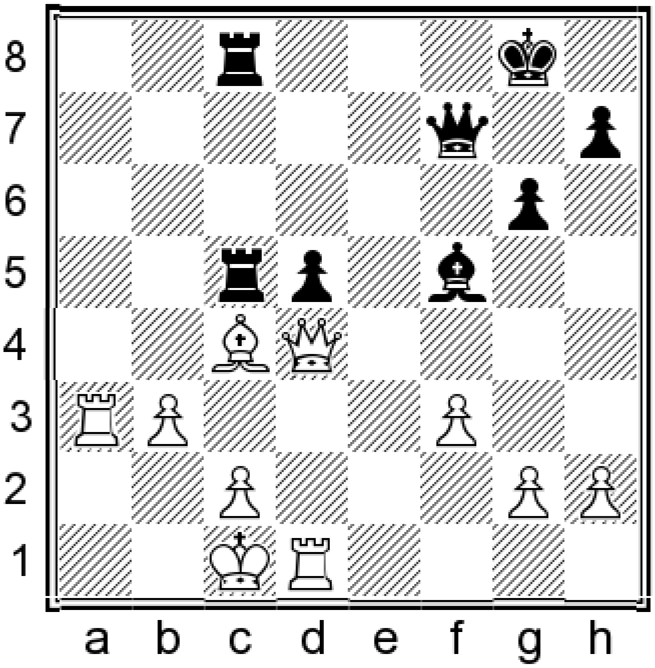
25...e5! 26.dxe6

26.♕e3? ♖xc4! 27.bxc4 ♕xc4 28.♕b3 ♕f4+ 29.♖d2 ♖xc2+ 30.♕xc2 ♗xc2 31.♔xc2 ♕xh2-+26.♕d2 h5⯹

26...d5!?

26...♗xe6 27.♕xd6 ♗xc4 28.♕xc7 ♖8xc7 29.bxc4 ♖xc4 30.♖d2±

27.exf7+ ♕xf7



28.g4!

28.♗d3 ♖xc2+ 29.♔b1 ♗xd3 30.♕xd3 ♖xg2 31.♕xd5 ♖xh2↑

28...♗xc2

28...dxc4?! 29.b4 ♗xc2 30.bxc5 ♗xd1 31.♔xd1 ♕c7 32.♕xc4+ ♔f8±

29.♔xc2

29.♖a8 dxc4 30.♕xc5 ♖xa8 31.♔xc2 cxb3+ 32.♔b2 h6=

29...♖xc4+

29...dxc4 30.b4 ♖5c7 31.♕d5±29...♕e7 30.♖a4 dxc4 31.♖xc4 ♕e2+ 32.♔c3 ♖xc4+ 33.bxc4 ♕xf3+ 34.♖d3±

30.bxc4 ♖xc4+ 31.♕xc4 dxc4 32.h3

32.♖d4

32...♔g7 33.♖d4

33.♖e1!? ∆ Rae3

33...♕e7 34.♖c3 ♕e2+ 35.♖d2 ♕e6 36.♖a3 ♔h6 37.h4 ♕e7 38.♖c3 ♕xh4

38...♕a7=

39.♖xc4 ♕g3 40.♖d3 ♕f2+ 41.♔c3 ♕e1+ 42.♔d4 ♔g5 43.♖e3 ♕a1+ 44.♔e4 ♕b1+ 45.♖d3 ♕e1+ 46.♖e3 ♕b1+ 47.♖d3 1/2-1/2

72. [B81]
Harikrishna, Penteala (2737) - Kempinski, Robert (2637)
Deutschland 2015 [Harikrishna, Penteala]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.g4 h6 7.h4 a6 8.♖g1 d5 9.exd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 ♕xd5 11.♗e3 ♗e7 12.♕d2 ♗xh4 13.♕c3N

13.♗g2 - 64/(228)

13...♘d7

13...O-O 14.O-O-O ♗f6 (14...♕xa2?! 15.g5) 15.♗c4 ♕c5 16.♘f5! (16.♘xe6!? ♕e7 (16...♕c6 17.♘d4+-) (16...♗xc3 17.♗xc5+-) 17.♘d4±) 16...♗xc3 17.♗xc5 exf5 18.♗xf8 ♗f6 19.♗c5 fxg4 20.♖ge1±

14.O-O-O ♕c5 15.♕b3

15.♕xc5 ♘xc5 16.♘f3 ♗e7

15...♕a5

15...♕b6? 16.♕xb6 ♘xb6 17.♘f3 ♗d8 18.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 19.♗xb6++-

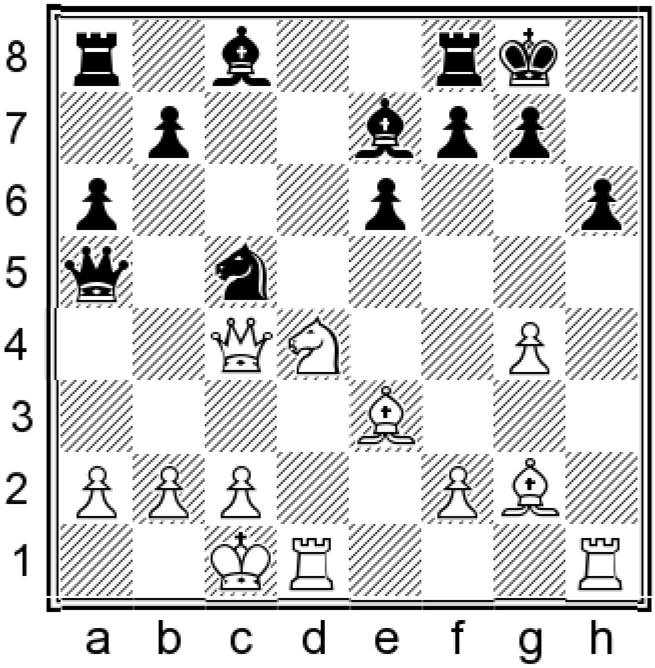
16.♗g2 O-O

16...♘c5 17.♕c4 O-O 18.♔b1 ♗e7 19.♖h1+-

17.♖h1 ♘c5

17...♗f6 18.♖h5 ∆ g5, Rdh1

18.♕c4 ♗e7



19.g5! hxg5

19...b5 20.♘c6 bxc4 21.♘xa5 ♖b8 22.♘c6+-

20.♖h2 f5□

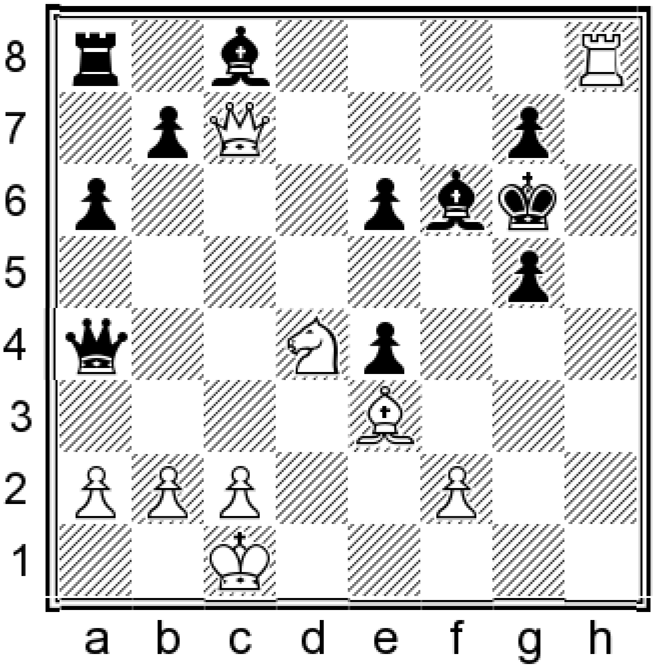
20...♕a4 21.♘f5! exf5 22.♖dh1+-

21.♖dh1 ♕a4

21...f4 22.♗d2 ♕a4 23.♕e2 ♗f6 24.♘f5+-

22.♕c3 ♘e4 23.♗xe4 fxe4 24.♖h7 ♗f6 25.♖h8+ ♔f7 26.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 27.♖h8+ ♔f7 28.♕c7+ ♔g6 29.♕h2 ♔f7

30.♕c7+ ♔g6



31.♖f8!+- ♗d7 32.♖xa8 ♗xd4 33.♗xd4 ♕xd4 34.♖d8 ♕xf2 35.♕xd7 ♕f4+ 36.♔b1

36.♕d2 ♕f1+ 37.♕d1 ♕f4+ 38.♔b1 g4 39.♖d2

36...♔h7 37.b3 g4 38.♕e8 ♕e5 39.♖d1 1-0

73. [B84]
Efimenko, Zahar (2647) - Kempinski, Robert (2637)
Deutschland 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.a4 ♘c6 8.♘xc6

8.♗e3 - 126/73

8...bxc6 9.♕d3N

9.♗e39.O-O

9...d5 10.O-O ♕c7 11.a5 ♗b4 12.♗g5

12.♗e3 ♗xa5 13.e5 ♘d7 14.f4=∞12.♖a4!? ♖b8 (12...♗xa5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.♗f4 ♕d8 15.♕g3=∞ ↑) 13.♗e3∞

12...♖b8

12...♗xa5? 13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.exd5 cxd5 15.♘xd5±

13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.♖fe1?!

14.♘a4

14...♗d6!

14...♗xa5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.♕d4=∞

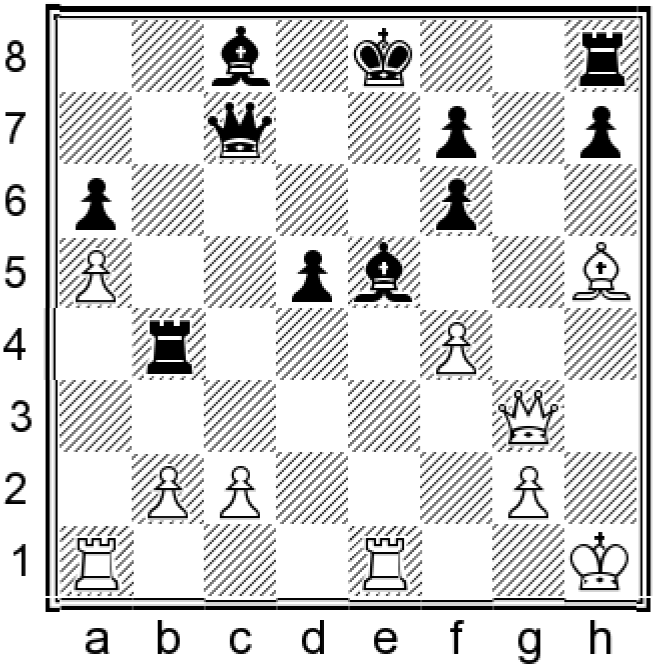
15.♗h5?!

15.exd5 cxd5 16.♕h3 h5∓

15...♗xh2+ 16.♔h1 ♗e5∓ 17.exd5 cxd5

17...♖b4!?

18.♘xd5 exd5 19.f4 ♖b4 20.♕g3



20...♕c4! 21.♕g7?!

21.♖xe5+ fxe5 22.♕g7 ♕xf4! (22...♖f8? 23.♕xe5+ ♔d7 24.♗g4+ ♔c6 25.♕f6+ ♔c7 26.♕e7+ ♔c6 27.♕f6+=) 23.♕xh8+ ♔d7 24.♕f8 ♕h4+ 25.♔g1 ♕e7 26.♕g8 ♔c7∓

21...♕xf4 22.♗xf7+

22.♖xe5+ ♕xe5! 23.♗xf7+ ♔d7-+22.g3 ♕f5 23.♗xf7+ ♔d8 24.♖xe5 fxe5 25.♕xh8+ ♔c7-+

22...♔e7-+ 23.♗g8+ ♔d6 24.♕f8+ ♔c7 25.♕c5+ ♔d7 26.♖xe5 fxe5 27.♕xd5+

27.♗xd5 ♕h4+ 28.♔g1 ♕d4+

27...♔e8 28.♗e6 ♕h6+ 29.♗h3 ♕xh3+ 0-1

74. [B90]**
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2773) - Topalov, Veselin (2803)
London 2015 [Harikrishna, Penteala]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2

7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f4 ♗e7 9.f5 ♗d7 (9...♗c8 - 122/71) 10.♗e3 b5 11.♕f3N (11.a3) 11...b4 12.♘d5 ♘xd5 13.exd5 ♗g5 14.♗xg5 ♕xg5 15.♗d3 ♗b5 16.h4 ♕d8 17.g4 ♘d7∞ Grandelius, N (2632) -Giri, A (2784) Doha 127/(74) 2015

7...h5 8.g3 ♘bd7 9.♗g2 b5

9...♗e7 - 126/74

10.♘d5 ♘xd5 11.♕xd5 ♖b8 - 127/74

11...♕c7N 12.♗e3 ♗b7 13.♕d2 ♘f6 14.♘c3 ♖c8⇄ Navara, D (2730) -Djukic, N (2553) Reykjavik 127/(74) 2015

12.♗e3 ♗e7N

12...♕c7

13.♕d2 ♘f6 14.O-O O-O 15.♔h2 ♗b7

15...♕c7!?

16.♘c3 ♖c8 17.a4 b4 18.♘d5 ♘xd5 19.exd5 a5 20.♕e2 ♗g5 21.♗xg5 ♕xg5 22.h4 ♕f6?

22...♕e7!∞

23.♕b5 ♕e7 24.♕xa5 ♖xc2 25.♖ac1 ♖xb2

25...♖fc8 26.♖xc2 ♖xc2 27.♕xb4 ♗a6 28.♖d1 ♕c7 29.♖d2±

26.♖b1 ♖a2 27.♕xb4 ♗a6 28.♕b3

28.♖a1 ♗xf1 29.♖xa2±

28...♗xf1?!

28...♖e2! 29.♖fe1 (29.♗f3 ♖d2 30.♖bd1 ♖xd1 31.♖xd1 e4∞) (29.♕b6 ♖a8 30.♖fe1 ♖xe1 31.♖xe1 ♕d8∞) 29...♖xe1 30.♖xe1 ♕a7 31.♔g1 ♖c8∞

29.♕xa2 ♗xg2 30.♔xg2 Q 9/f **30...♖a8?!**

30...e4! 31.a5 e3 32.♖e1 ♕e4+ 33.♔h2 ♖c8 34.♖xe3 ♖c2 35.♖xe4 ♖xa2 36.♖e8+ ♔h7 37.♖a8 ♖xf2+ 38.♔g1 ♖d2=

31.a5 e4 32.♖b3!± f5 33.♕d2 ♕c7 34.♕b2 ♖xa5

34...♕xa5!? 35.♖b7 ♕a1 36.♖xg7+ ♔f8 37.♕xa1 ♖xa1 38.♖g5 ♔f7 39.♖xf5+ ♔g6 40.♖g5+ ♔h6 41.♖g8 ♖d1 42.♖e8 ♖xd5 43.♖xe4±

35.♖b7+- ♖a2 36.♕b5! ♖xf2+ 37.♔xf2 ♕c2+ 38.♕e2 1-0

75. [B90]
Bacrot, Etienne (2692) - Gelfand, Boris (2731)
Ashdod (m/1-rapid) 2015 [Szuhanek, Ranko]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 h5 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗xf6 ♕xf6 10.♘d5 ♕d8 11.♕d3 ♘c6 12.O-O-O g6 13.♔b1 ♖c8 14.a3N

14.f4 - 121/169

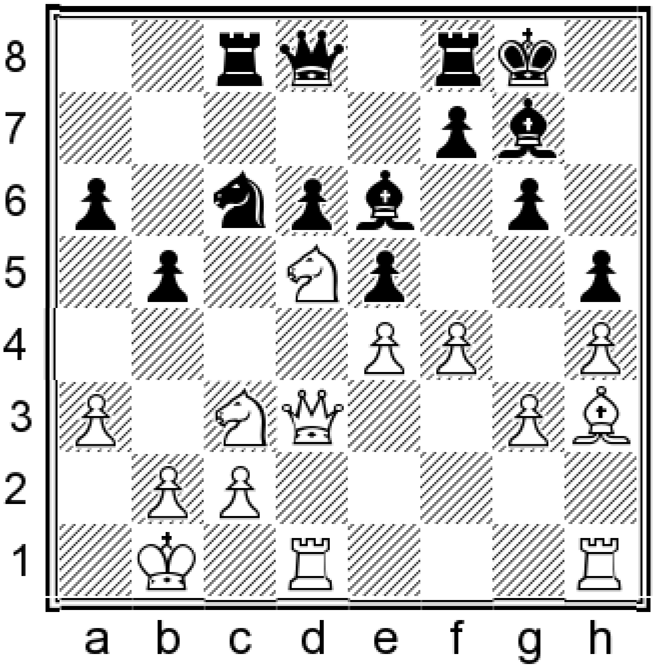
14...♗g7 15.h4 O-O 16.g3 ♘a5 17.♘ec3 b5

17...♘c4 18.f3 b5 19.♘e3 ♖c6 (19...♕b6 20.♘cd5 ♕a7 21.g4 ♘xe3 22.♘xe3 hxg4 23.fxg4 ♕d4 24.g5±) 20.♘cd5 ♘xe3 21.♕xe3 ♖c5 22.c3 ♗xd5 23.exd5 f5 24.g4 hxg4 25.fxg4 fxg4 26.♗d3 ♖f4 27.♗xg6 ♕f6 28.h5 a5 29.♕d3 b4 30.h6 e4! 31.♗xe4 ♗xh6 32.♖de1 bxc3 33.♗h7+ ♔h8 34.♖e8+ ♔g7 35.♖e6 c2+ 36.♔a2 ♖f3 37.♕e4 ♕xb2+! 38.♔xb2 c1=Q+ 39.♖xc1 ♗xc1+ 40.♔a2 ♖xa3+ 41.♔b1 ♖b3+=

18.♗h3 ♘c6

18...♖c4! 19.♕e2 ♘c6 20.♘e3 ♘d4 21.♕d2 ♖c8 22.f4 ♗xh3 23.♖xh3 a5! 24.♘cd5 (24.♘e2 b4∓) 24...b4 25.axb4 axb4 26.♕xb4 ♖b8 27.♕a3 ♕d7 28.♖hh1 ♖a8 29.♕d3 ♕a7 30.♔c1 ♕a1+ 31.♔d2 ♕xb2 32.♖b1 ♕a2 33.♘c4 ♖fb8 34.♘b4 ♕a7 35.♖hf1 exf4 36.gxf4 ♕c7!∓

19.f4



19...exf4?!

19...♘d4! 20.f5 ♗xd5 21.exd5 ♖c4! 22.fxg6 f5 23.♕e3 ♕f6 24.♗f1 ♖c7 (24...♖c5 25.♕g5 ♕xg5 26.hxg5 e4 27.♖xh5 ♖e8 28.♖h7 ♘f3 29.♘e2 ♘xg5 30.♖h5 ♗f6 31.♘f4±) 25.♕g5 ♕xg5 26.hxg5 e4 27.♖xh5 ♖fc8 28.g4 ♖xc3 29.bxc3 ♖xc3 30.♖h7 f4 31.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 32.♖xd4 ♖e3 33.♔c1 ♖xa3 (33...♖e1+ 34.♖d1 ♖e3 35.a4 ♔xg6 36.axb5 axb5 37.♔d2 ♔xg5 38.♗xb5 ♔xg4 39.♖h1±) 34.♖xe4 ♖a1+ 35.♔d2 ♖xf1 36.♖e6 ♖g1 37.♔e2 (37.♖xd6 ♖xg4 38.♖xa6 ♖xg5 39.♔e2 ♖xd5=) 37...♖xg4 38.♔f3 ♖xg5 39.♖xd6 ♖xg6 40.♖d7+ ♔f6 41.♔xf4 ♖g2=

20.gxf4± ♘a5?

20...♗xh3 21.♕xh3 b4 22.axb4 ♖b8 23.e5 ♘xb4 24.♘e3 ♕a5 25.♖xd6 ♖fc8 26.♘ed1 ♖c7 27.♕g2 ♖c4 28.♕d2 ♗f8 29.♖d7↑

21.f5+- ♗xd5 22.♘xd5 ♘c4 23.f6 ♗xf6 24.♗xc8 ♗xb2 25.e5?!

25.♕b3 ♗g7 26.♔a2+-

25...♗xe5 26.♖hg1± ♔h7 27.♗f5 ♖g8 28.♕f3 ♖g7

28...♔h8 29.♗d3 ♘xa3+ 30.♔c1 ♘c4 31.♗xc4 bxc4 32.♕xf7+-

29.♕xh5+ ♔g8 30.♖xg6 ♘xa3+ 31.♔c1 ♕e8

31...♖xg6 32.♗xg6 fxg6 33.♕xg6+ ♗g7 (33...♔h8 34.♖g1+-) 34.♖e1+-

32.♖xg7+

32.♖h6!+-

32...♗xg7 33.♖g1 ♕e5 34.♗h7+

34.c3+-

34...♔f8 35.♕xe5 dxe5 36.♗d3 a5 37.♔b2 e4+ 38.♔xa3 exd3 39.cxd3 1-0

76. [B90]**
Anand, Viswanathan (2796) - Topalov, Veselin (2803)
London 2015 [Martin, Andrew]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 h5!? 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗xf6 ♕xf6 10.♘d5 ♕d8 11.♕d3 g6

11...♘c6 - 121/6911...♘d7 12.O-O-O ♖c8N (12...♕a5) 13.♔b1 ♗xd5 14.♕xd5 b5 15.♕d2 ♘b6 16.h4 ♗e7 17.g3 ♖c5= Mastrovasilis, D (2608) -Dziuba, M (2564) Polska 127/(76) 2015

12.O-O-O ♘d7 13.♔b1N

13.♘ec3

13...♖c8 - 127/76

13...♘c5!N 14.♕f3 ♗g7 15.♘ec3 b5 16.♗e2 ♖b8 17.a3 ♗d7 18.♕e3 a5 19.b4 ♘e6∞ Ganguly, S (2648) -Giri, A (2784) Doha 127/(76) 2015

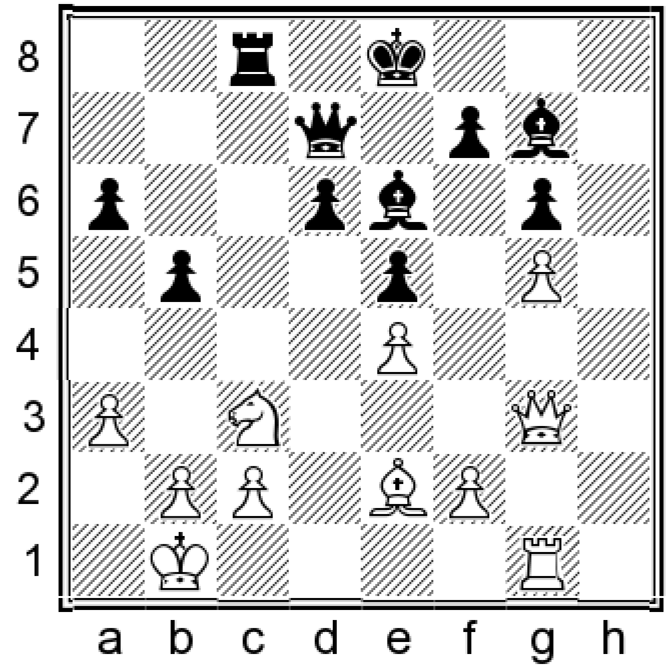
14.♘ec3 ♖c5

14...♘f6⇄

15.♗e2 b5 16.a3 ♘b6 17.g4 hxg4 18.♘xb6 ♕xb6 19.hxg4 ♖xh1 20.♖xh1 ♗g7 21.♕e3 ♕b7 22.♖d1 ♕c7 23.g5 ♕c6 24.♖g1 ♕d7?!

24...a5! 25.♗g4 b4 26.♗xe6 fxe6 27.axb4 axb4 28.♘a2 ♕a4 29.♕e2 (29.♕d3 ♖a5 30.♕b3 ♕xb3 31.cxb3 ♖b5 32.♘c1 ♗f8 33.♘d3 ♗e7=) 29...♖a5 30.♕c4 d5 31.exd5 exd5 32.♕c8+ ♔e7 33.♕c7+ ♔e8=

25.♕g3 ♖c8



26.♗g4!± ♗xg4 27.♕xg4 ♕xg4 28.♖xg4 ♗f8 29.♘d5 ♗e7 30.c3 ♖c6 31.♔c2 ♔d7 32.♔b3 ♗d8 33.a4 ♖c5

⌓33...♖c4

34.axb5 ♖xb5+ 35.♔a2 a5 36.b4 axb4 37.cxb4 R 9/i **37...♖b7 38.♔b3 ♖b8 39.♖g1 ♖b7 40.♖g3 ♖b8 41.♖g1 ♖b7**

42.♖a1! ♗xg5 43.♔c4 ♗d8 44.f3 f5 45.♖h1 fxe4 46.fxe4 g5 47.b5 ♖b8 48.♖h7+ ♔e6?

48...♔c8 49.♔b4 ♖b7 50.♖h8 ♔d7 51.♖g8 ♖b8 52.♖g7+ ♔c8 53.♖g6 ♔d7 54.♖g8 ♖b7⩲

49.♔b4 g4 50.♖g7+- g3 51.♖xg3 ♖b7 52.♖g6+ ♔d7 53.♖g7+ ♔c8 54.♖g8 ♔d7 55.♔c4 ♖b8 56.♖g7+ ♔e6

56...♔c8 57.♘e7+! ♗xe7 58.♖xe7 ♔d8 59.♖h7 ♖c8+ 60.♔d5+-

57.♔b4 ♗a5+ 58.♔c4

58.♔xa5! ♖xb5+ 59.♔a4 ♖a5+ 60.♔b3 ♖a3+ 61.♔c4 ♖a4+ 62.♘b4 ♖a1 63.♖g6++-

58...♗d8 59.♖g8 ♖c8+

59...♔d7

60.♔d3 ♖b8 61.♖h8 ♔d7 62.♖h7+ ♔e6 63.♔c4 ♖c8+ 64.♔b4 ♖c1 65.b6 ♖b1+ 66.♔a5 Ê? **66...♗xb6+**

66...♖f1 67.♔a6 ♖a1+ 68.♔b7 ♖c1 69.♔a8 ♖a1+ 70.♖a7+-

67.♘xb6 ♖a1+ 68.♔b5 ♖b1+ 69.♔c6 ♖c1+ 70.♔b7 ♖b1 71.♔c7 ♖c1+ 72.♔d8 ♖e1 73.♖h4 ♔f6 74.♖g4 1-0

77. [B90]
Vallejo Pons, Francisco (2684) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2765)
Reykjavik 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗c1 ♘f6 8.♗e3 ♘g4 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 g5 11.♗g3 ♗g7 12.h4 ♘c6 13.♘xc6 bxc6 14.♗c4 ♕a5

14...♕b6 - 77/235

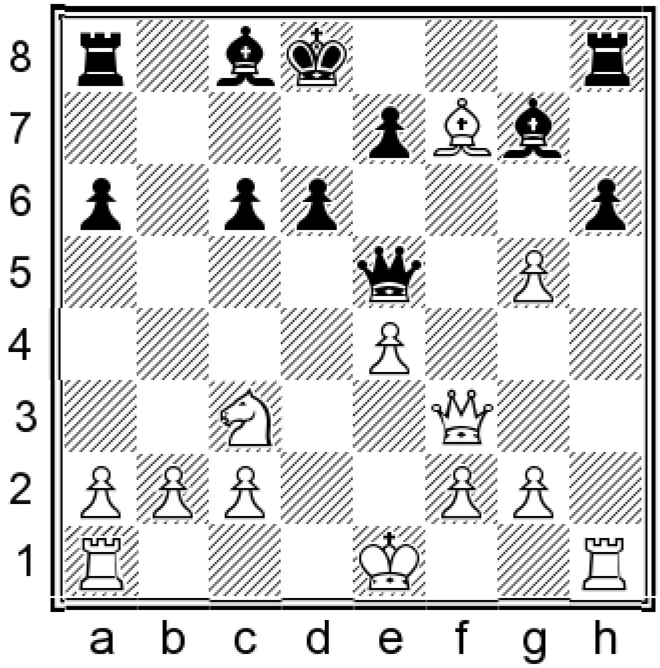
15.♕f3 ♘e5N

15...O-O15...♖f815...♗e6

16.♗xe5 ♕xe5 17.♗xf7+

17.hxg5 ♗e6 (17...hxg5 18.♖xh8+ ♗xh8 19.♕xf7+ ♔d7 20.O-O-O⩲) (17...d5 18.gxh6 ♖xh6 19.♖xh6 ♗xh6 20.♗b3 e6 21.♔f1⩲) (17...♕xg5 18.♕xf7+ ♔d8 19.♕h5 ♗xc3+ (19...♕xg2!?) 20.bxc3 ♕xg2 21.♕a5+ ♔d7 22.♕f5+ ♔c7 23.♕a5+=) 18.♗xe6 ♕xe6 19.gxh6 ♗xh6 20.♘e2 ♔d7 21.♖h3 ♗g5=∞

17...♔d8 18.hxg5



18...♖b8!

18...♕xg5 - 17.hg5

19.♗b3

19.gxh6 ♖xb2 20.hxg7 ♖xh1+ 21.♔d2 ♕d4+ 22.♕d3 ♕xf2+ 23.♘e2 (23.♕e2? ♕xf7 24.♖xh1 ♕xg7∓) 23...♕xf7 24.♕g3! (24.♖xh1 ♕xg7∓) 24...♖xa1 25.g8=Q+ ♕xg8 26.♕xg8+ ♔c7 27.♕g7 ♖axa2 28.♕xe7+ ♗d7 29.♘d4 c5 30.♘e6+ ♔c6 31.♘d8+ ♔c7=

19...♖f8

19...♕xg5 20.♖h5 ♕g6 21.♗f7 ♕g4∞

20.♕e3

20.♕d3 hxg5⇄

20...♕xg5 21.♕xg5 hxg5=∞ 22.f3 g4 23.♔e2 a5 24.♘a4?!

24.♖ad1 gxf3+ (24...♗a6+ 25.♔e3 ♗e5⇄) 25.gxf3 c5 26.♖h7 ♗a6+ 27.♔e3 ♗d4+ 28.♖xd4 cxd4+ 29.♔xd4 a4! (29...♖xf3?! 30.♖h8+ ♔c7 31.♘d5+ ♔b7 32.♖h7±) 30.♘xa4 (30.♗xa4 ♖xb2 31.♗b3 ♖xf3=) 30...♖xf3 31.♖h8+ ♔c7 32.♖xb8 ♔xb8 33.♘c3=

24...♗a6+ 25.c4

25.♔e3 c5 26.c3 (26.c4 gxf3 27.gxf3 ♗d4+ 28.♔e2 ♖b4∓) 26...♗b5∓

25...♖b4 26.♖ac1 gxf3+ 27.gxf3 ♗d4 28.♖c2 c5 29.♖h2 ♖g8 30.♖c1 ♗c8

30...♗e5!? 31.♖f2 (31.♖h5 ♗xb2 32.♘xb2 ♖g2+ 33.♔d3 ♖xb2∓) 31...e6∓30...e6!?

31.♘c3 ♗e6 32.♔d3

32.♖d1 ♗xc4+

32...♖g3∓ 33.♔e2?

33.♖f1 ♗h3∓

33...♗xc4+-+ 34.♔d2

34.♗xc4 ♖xb2+-+

34...♖xf3 35.♗xc4 ♖xb2+ 0-1

78.* [B90]
Andriasian, Zaven (2594) - Gabuzyan, Hovhannes (2585)
?, 2016 [Pikula, Dejan]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♗g3 ♗g7 10.♗e2

10.h3 ♘e5 11.♘f5 ♗xf5 12.exf5 ♘bd7 13.♗e2 ♖c8 14.♘d5 (14.O-O - 85/229) 14...♘c4 15.♗xc4 ♖xc4 16.O-O ♘e5?!N (16...♖d4) 17.c3 ♖c5 (17...O-O 18.♕e2 ♖c6 19.♖ad1 ♖e8 20.f4±) 18.f4 gxf4 19.♗xf4 h5 20.♗e3 ♖c6 21.♗g5 ♗f6 22.♗xf6 exf6 23.♕b3 b5 24.a4± Muzychuk, A (2537) -Salem, A (2627) Gibraltar 127/(78) 2016

10...♘e5 11.O-O ♘bc6 12.♘f5

12.♘xc6 -72/(253)

12...♗xf5 13.exf5 ♘d4 14.♗d3 ♕a5N

⌓14...♘xd3 15.♕xd3 ♕d7 16.♖ae1 (16.♘d5 ♕xf5 17.♘c7+ ♔d7 18.♕xf5+ ♘xf5 19.♘xa8 ♖xa8⯹) 16...♕xf5 17.♗xd6 O-O 18.♗xe7 ♕xd3 19.cxd3 ♖fc8 20.a4 b5⯹

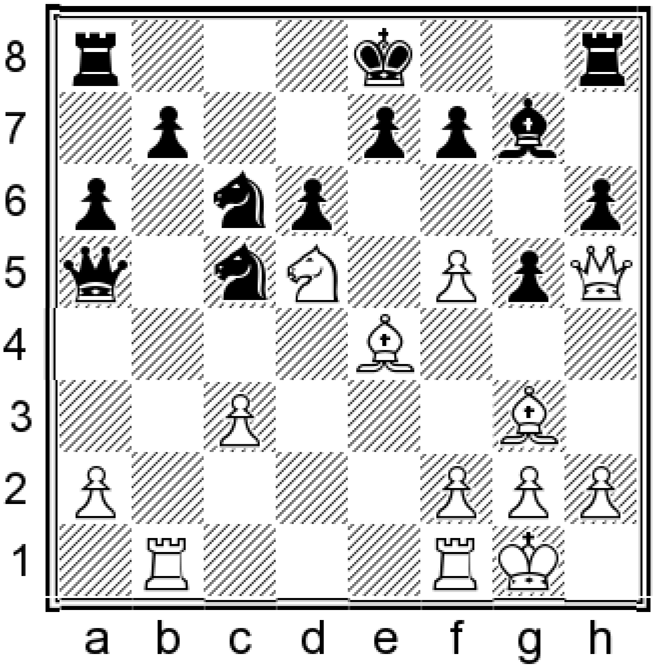
15.♗e4 ♘c4 16.♘d5! ♘xb2 17.♕g4 ♘c4 18.c3± ♘c6

18...h5 19.♕xg5 ♘e2+ 20.♔h1 ♘xg3+ 21.♕xg3±

19.♖ad1?!

19.f6! exf6 (19...♗xf6 20.♘xf6+ exf6 21.♗xc6+ bxc6 22.♕xc4+-) 20.♖ab1! ♘6e5 (20...♘d2 21.♗xd6 ♘xb1 22.♖xb1+-) 21.♕f5 ♖b8 22.♘xf6+ ♔f8 23.♖xb7+-

19...♘4e5 20.♕h5 ♘d7 21.♖b1 ♘c5?!



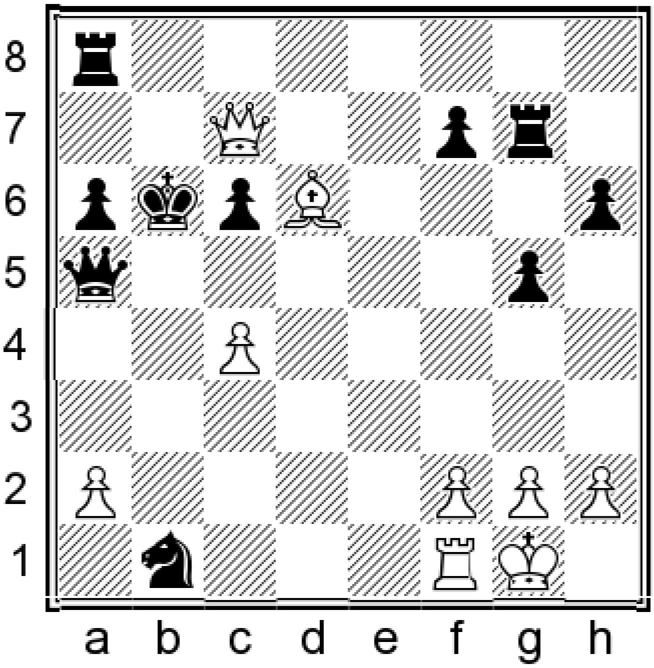
21...♖a7 22.f4±21...♘f6 22.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 23.♖xb7 d5 24.♗f3±

22.f6! ♘xe4

22...exf6 23.♗xd6 ♘xe4 24.♘c7+ ♔d8 25.♕xf7 ♘xd6 26.♕xg7+-22...♗xf6 23.♘xf6+ exf6 24.♗xc6+ bxc6 25.♗xd6+-

23.fxg7 ♖g8 24.c4 ♘c3 25.♖xb7

25.♘xe7! ♘xe7 (25...♔xe7 26.♖xb7++-) (25...♖xg7 26.♘xc6 bxc6 27.♗xd6 ♕f5 (27...♘xb1 28.♕e2+ ♔d8 29.♕e7+ ♔c8 30.♕e8+ ♔b7 31.♕d7+ ♔b6 32.♕c7#) 28.♖fe1+ ♘e4 29.♕xh6+-) 26.♖xb7 ♘e4 27.♕e2 d5 28.♖d1 ♖xg7 29.cxd5+-



25...♘xd5 26.cxd5 ♘d8

26...♕xd5 27.♕xh6 ♖b8 28.♕h8 (28.♖xb8+ ♘xb8 29.h3±) 28...f6 29.♕h5+ ♕f7 30.♖xb8+ ♘xb8 31.♕e2±

27.♖b3 ♕xd5 28.♕xh6?!

28.♖d1 ♕f5 29.♕e2 ♖xg7 30.♗xd6±

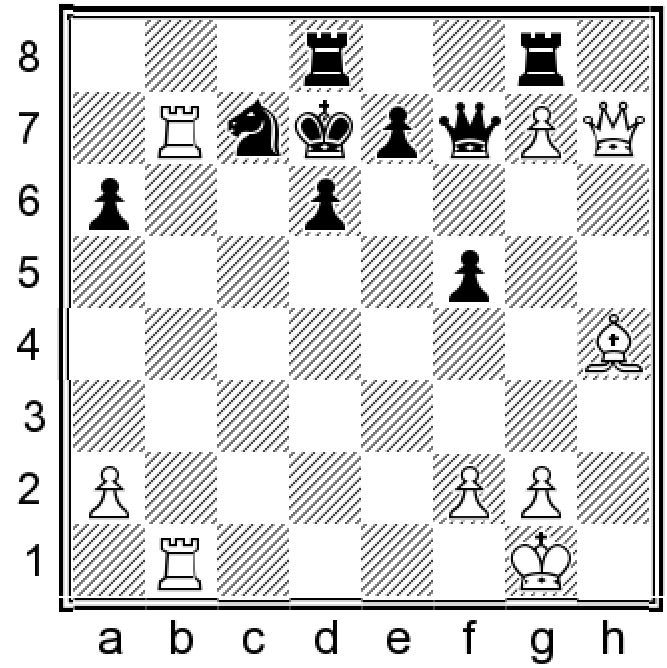
28...♘e6 29.♖fb1

29.♖e1 ♔d7 30.♖bb1 ♖ac8 31.a4±29.♕h8 ♔d7 30.♕h5 ♘xg7∞

29...♖d8?

29...♕d4 30.♕h5 (30.♖b8+? ♖xb8 31.♖xb8+ ♔d7∓) 30...♕xg7 31.♕f3 ♖d8 32.♕c6+ ♔f8 33.♕xa6±

30.♕h8! ♔d7 31.♖b7+ ♘c7 32.♕h7 f5 33.h4+- gxh4 34.♗xh4 ♕f7



35.♗xe7! ♖xg7

35...♕xe7 36.♕xf5+ ♔e8 (36...♕e6 37.♖xc7++-) 37.♕g6+ ♔d7 38.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 39.♕c2+ ♔d7 40.♖b7+ ♔e6 41.♕e4++-

36.♕h4 ♖c8

36...♕xe7 37.♕a4+ ♔e6 38.♖e1++-

37.♗xd6! ♔xd6 38.♕d4+ ♔e7 39.♕c5+ ♔f6 40.♖1b6+ ♔g5 41.♕e3+! f4 42.♕e5+ ♔h4 43.♖h6+ 1-0

79. [B90]
Vishnu, Prasanna V (2518) - Ragger, Markus (2689)
Gibraltar 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

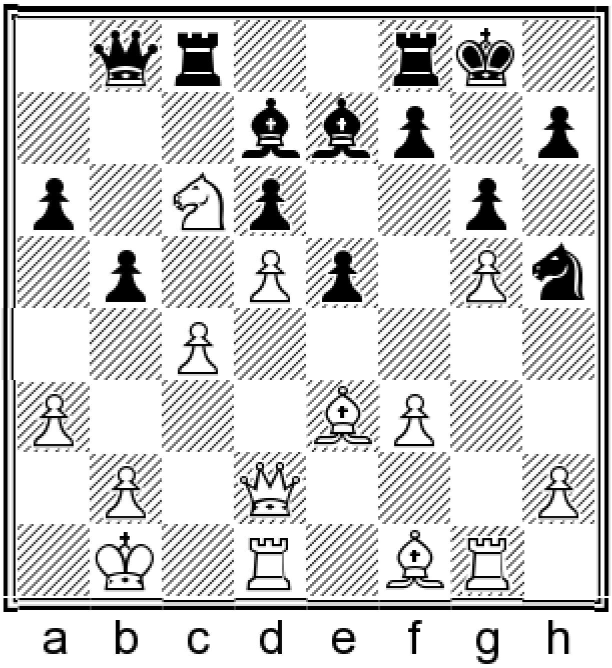
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5 12.♖g1 ♘b6 13.g5 ♘h5 14.♘a5 ♖c8 15.♔b1 g6 16.a3 ♕c7 17.♘d5 ♘xd5 18.exd5 ♗d7 19.c4

19.h4 - 123/82

19...♕b8N

19...♘f4 20.♖c1 ♕b8 21.h4 ♖fe8 22.♘c6 ♗xc6 23.dxc6 ♖xc6∞

20.♘c6



20.♗d3 bxc4 (20...♗d8 21.♘c6 ♗xc6 22.dxc6 ♗b6 23.cxb5 axb5 24.♖c1 ♖fd8∞) 21.♗xc4 ♗d8 22.♘c6 ♗xc6 23.dxc6 ♖xc6 24.♕d5∞20.♖c1 ♘f4 (20...♗d8 21.♘c6 ♗xc6 22.dxc6 ♖xc6 23.cxb5 ♖xc1+ 24.♕xc1 axb5 25.♕c6 b4 26.a4 ♘g7∞) 21.h4 (21.♗xf4 exf4 22.♖g2 (22.♕xf4? ♕b6-+) 22...♕b6∞) 21...♖fe8 22.♗xf4 exf4 23.♗d3 bxc4 24.♖xc4 ♕b6 25.♖e1 ♗f8⇄

20...♖xc6!?

20...♗xc6 21.dxc6 ♖xc6 22.cxb5 axb5 23.♖g4 ♘g7 24.♖b4 ♘f5 25.♖xb5 ♕c8∞

21.dxc6 ♗xc6⯹ 22.cxb5 axb5 23.♖c1

23.f4 ♘g7 (23...b4 24.♕xb4 ♕xb4 25.axb4 exf4 26.♗d4 ♖b8 27.b5 ♗xb5 28.♗xb5 ♖xb5 29.♖c1±) 24.♗g2 d5 (24...♗xg2 25.♖xg2 ♘e6 26.h4±) 25.fxe5 (25.♕c3 ♘f5 26.♗d2 (26.♗xd5 b4! 27.axb4 ♗a4 28.♗c5 ♗xd1 29.♖xd1 exf4∞) 26...♖c8 27.♕xe5 ♗d6 28.♕f6 ♗e7 29.♕e5 ♗d6=) (25.♖c1 ♗d7 26.fxe5 b4 27.a4 ♖d8⯹) 25...b4 26.axb4 ♗xb4 27.♕c2 ♖c8 28.♕b3 ♗d7! 29.♗xd5 (29.♔a1 ♗f5 30.♖c1 ♕a8+ 31.♕a2 ♕xa2+ 32.♔xa2 ♖a8+ 33.♔b3 ♖b8 34.♗a7 ♖b5 35.♔a4 ♗d7 36.♖c7 ♗e8 37.♖c8 ♗f8 38.♖xe8 ♖b4+ 39.♔a5 ♘xe8∞) 29...♗f5+ 30.♔a1 ♘e6 31.♖gf1 (31.♕a4 ♘c5! 32.♕a2 ♖c7 33.♗c4 ♔g7 34.e6 ♘xe6∞) 31...♗c2 32.♕a2 ♗xd1 33.♗xe6 (33.♖xd1? ♕xe5∓) 33...fxe6 34.♕xe6+ ♔h8 35.♕f6+ ♔g8 36.♕e6+=

23...♕a8

23...♗xf3 24.♗g2 ♕b7 25.♗xf3 ♕xf3∞

24.♗d3 ♗xf3 25.♗xb5 ♖b8 26.♗d3

26.♗e2 ♗e4+ (26...♗xe2 27.♕xe2 ♗f8⯹) 27.♔a1 d5 28.♗c5 ♗xc5 29.♖xc5 ♘f4⯹

26...♗f8 27.♖gf1 ♗d5 28.♔a1 ♗e6 29.♖c7

29.♗b1 d5 (29...♕a6 30.♗a2 ♘g7 31.♗xe6 ♘xe6⯹) 30.♗c5 ♗g7↑

29...♗g7 30.♗b1 ♘f4 31.♖a7

31.♗xf4? exf4 32.♖c3 ♕a5-+

31...♕c6 32.♖c1 ♕d5 33.♖d1?

33.♖c3 ♕b5 (33...♕xd2 34.♗xd2 ♘d5∞) 34.♖a5 ♕xa5 35.♖c8+ ♖xc8 36.♕xa5 ♘d5∞

33...♕b3!-+ 34.♖c7 e4 35.♖c3 ♗xc3 36.♕xc3 ♕xd1 37.♗xf4 ♕f3 38.♕d2 ♖e8 39.♕xd6 e3 0-1

80. [B90]
Saric, Ivan (2652) - Shirov, Alexei (2689)
Reykjavik 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

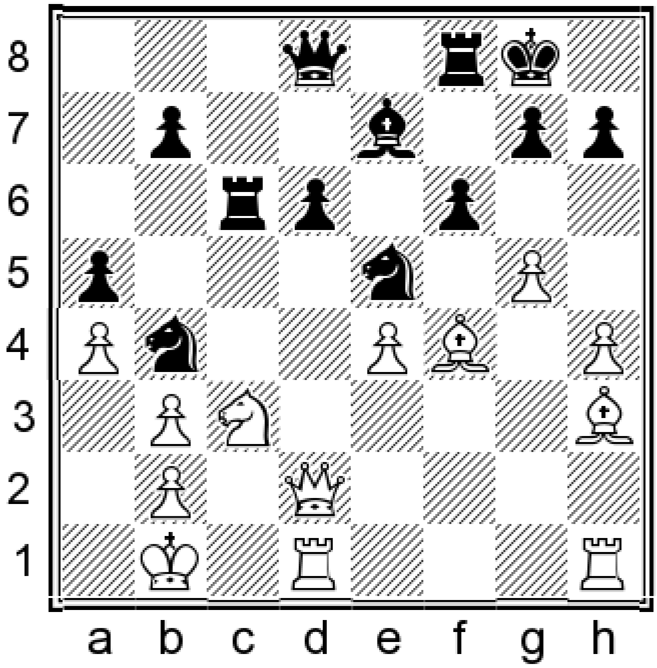
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O a5 11.a4 ♘c6 12.♔b1 ♘b4 13.g4 ♖c8 14.g5 ♘d7

14...♘h5 - 112/140

15.f4! exf4 16.♗xf4 ♗xb3 17.cxb3 ♘e5N

17...♔h8 18.♗xd6 (18.h4±) 18...♗xd6 19.♕xd6 ♘c5 20.♕xd8 ♖cxd8 21.♗c4±

18.h4 f6 19.♗h3 ♖c6



20.♕e2!

20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.♗e6+ ♔h8 22.exd5± (22.♗xd5±)

20...♕e8 21.♗xe5 fxe5

21...dxe5 22.♗d7+-

22.♖hf1± ♔h8 23.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 24.♖f1 ♕d8 25.♕f3

25.♗e6 ♖c7 26.♕h5+-

25...g6 26.♗e6 ♖c7 27.♘b5+- ♖c2 28.h5

28.♕f7+-

28...♗xg5 29.hxg6 ♗f4

29...♖h2 30.♖g1 hxg6 31.♖xg5!+-

30.♕h5 ♖h2 31.g7+!

31.♖g1!+-

31...♔xg7 32.♖g1+ ♔h8 33.♘xd6! 1-0

81.* [B90]
Khismatullin, Denis (2654) - Sjugirov, Sanan (2646)
Khanty-Mansiysk 2015 [Szuhanek, Ranko]

1.♘f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕f3 O-O 10.g4

10.O-O-O - 117/75

10...a5 11.O-O-O a4 12.♘c5 a3 13.♘xe6?!N

13.g5 axb2+ 14.♔xb2 ♘fd7 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♕g4 ♔h8 17.♕xe6 ♘c6∞13.b3 ♕a5N (13...♕c8) 14.♘5a4 ♘c6 15.g5 ♘d7 16.♗d2?! (16.♘d5 ♗xd5 17.♖xd5 ♕d8 18.h4 ♖xa4 19.bxa4 ♘b4 20.♗d2 (20.♖d2? ♘xa2+ 21.♔b1 ♘c3+ 22.♔a1 ♕a5-+) 20...♘xd5 21.exd5∞) 16...♘d4 17.♕d3 ♘c5 (17...♖fc8! 18.♘b5 (18.♘d5 ♕d8 19.♘ac3 ♗xd5 20.exd5 b5∓) 18...♗xg5! 19.♘xd4 exd4 20.♗xg5 (20.♕xd4 b5 21.♗xg5 bxa4 22.♗d2 ♕c7 23.c4 axb3-+) 20...♕xg5+ 21.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 22.♔xd2 d5∓) 18.♘xc5 ♕xc5∓ Darini, P (2501) -Chu, W (2318) Al-Ain 127/(81) 2015

13...axb2+ 14.♔xb2 fxe6 15.♗c4

15.♕e2 ♘c6 16.♕c4 ♔h8 17.♕xe6 ♕a5 18.♕b3 ♘d7 19.♘d5 ♘c5 20.♗xc5 ♕xc5→

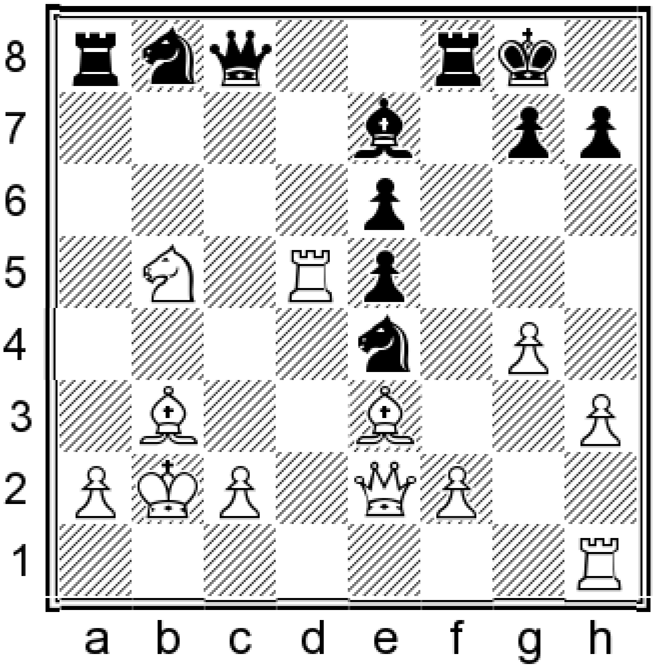
15...♕c8

15...♕a5! 16.♗xe6+ (16.♗d2 ♔h8 17.g5 ♘fd7 18.♕e2 ♘c5∓) 16...♔h8 17.♗d2 ♘bd7 18.♗c4 (18.♗b3 ♘c5 19.♕e3 ♘xb3 20.cxb3 d5 21.♘a4 ♕b5 22.♕b6 ♕d7 23.♗c3 ♘xe4 24.♗xe5 ♘xf2-+) 18...♕a3+ 19.♔b1 ♘c5 20.♕e3 b5 21.♗c1 ♕a5 22.♗b3 b4 23.♘d5 ♘fxe4-+

16.♕e2 b5!? 17.♗b3

17.♗xb5 ♕b7 18.g5 (18.f3 ♖c8 19.a4 d5 20.exd5 ♘xd5 21.♘xd5 exd5 22.♕d3 d4 23.♗d2 ♘a6 24.♕e4 ♕b6 25.♖b1 ♕d6 26.♔c1 ♘c5 27.♗c4+ ♔h8 28.♕d5 ♘d3+! 29.♔d1 ♘f2+ 30.♔e2 ♘xh1-+) 18...♘xe4 19.♘xe4 ♕xe4 20.♕c4 ♕f5 21.♔b1 ♕f7 22.♕e4 ♘a6 23.a4 ♘c7 24.♖d3 ♖fb8 25.♖b3 ♘xb5 26.axb5 ♕e8∓

17...d5 18.♘xb5 ♘xe4 19.♖xd5



19.c4 d4 (19...♘xf2 20.♗xf2 dxc4 21.♘a7 ♕b7 22.♕xc4 ♖xf2+ 23.♔b1 ♔h8 24.♕c8+ ♕xc8 25.♘xc8 ♘c6 26.♘xe7 ♘xe7 27.♗xe6 ♘c6 28.♖hf1 ♖h2 29.♖h1 ♖b8+ 30.♔c1 ♖f2 31.♖hf1=) 20.♗xd4 exd4 21.♕xe4 ♘a6! 22.♕e2 ♗f6 23.♖xd4 ♗xd4+ 24.♘xd4 ♘c5 25.♖d1 ♕a6 26.f3 ♖fb8-+

19...♘c3!∓ 20.♘xc3?

20.♖xe5! ♘xe2 21.♗xe6+ ♕xe6 22.♖xe6 ♗f6+ 23.♔b3 ♘a6 24.♖c6 ♖fb8 25.♔c4 ♖c8 26.♖xc8+ ♖xc8+ 27.♔b3 ♘c3 28.a4 ♘e4 29.♖e1 ♘ac5+ 30.♗xc5 ♘xc5+ 31.♔b4 ♘b7 32.♖e2 ♔f7 33.c4 ♖d8∓

20...♗a3+-+ 21.♔b1 ♕xc3 22.♗c1 exd5 23.♗xd5+ ♔h8 24.♗xa8 ♘c6 25.♗xc6 ♕xc6 26.♗xa3 ♕xh1+ 27.♔b2 ♖b8+ 28.♔c3 ♕a1+ 29.♔d2 ♖d8+ 0-1

82. [B90]**
Bologan, Viktor (2630) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2748)
Reykjavik 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 h5 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.♘d5 ♗xd5 11.exd5 g6 12.♗e2 ♗g7 13.O-O b6

13...O-O - 125/71

14.c4 O-O 15.♖ac1 ♘h7N

15...♖e8 - 127/(82) 16.♘a1 e4 17.f4N (17.♘c2) 17...♘g4 18.♗xg4 hxg4 19.♘b3 f5 20.♘d4 ♘c5∞ Vocaturo, D (2570) - Areshchenko, A (2661) Deutschland 127/(82) 2015

16.♗d3 - 127/82

16.♘a1N ♗f6 17.♘c2 ♗g5 18.♘b4 ♗xe3+ 19.♕xe3 ♕c7 20.♘c6 ♘b8 21.f4! ♘xc6 22.dxc6 exf4 23.♕d4 ♘g5 24.♕xf4 ♖ae8 25.♗xh5 ♕xc6 26.♕xg5 ♖e5 27.♕g3 ♖xh5 28.♖f6± Nolte, R (2417) -Turqueza, M (2313) Olongapo City 127/(82) 2015

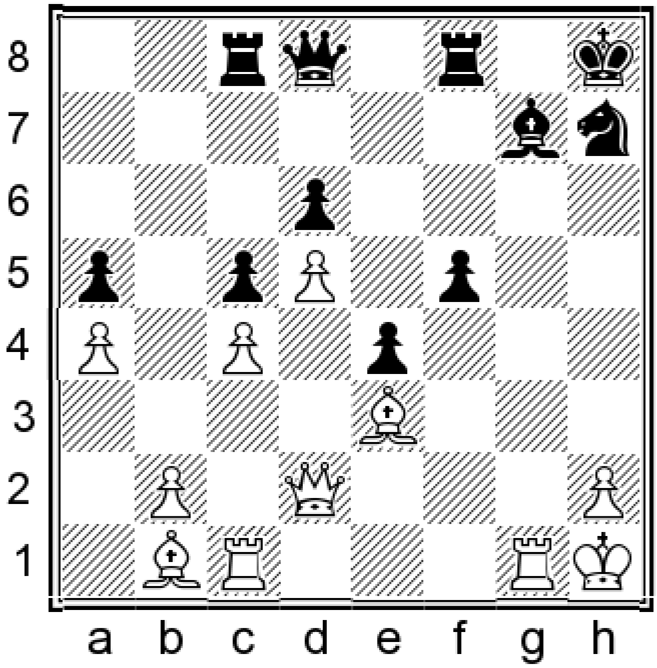
16...f5 17.♗b1 ♖c8 18.♔h1 a5 19.a4 ♘c5 20.♘xc5 bxc5 21.g4

21.b3 ♗f6 22.♗c2 ♗g5⇄

21...hxg4 22.fxg4 e4?

22...f4! 23.♗f2 ♕g5 24.♕d3 (24.♖g1 ♕h6 25.♕d3 ♖b8∓) 24...♘f6 (24...♕xg4?! 25.♖g1 ♕f5 26.♖xg6 ♕xd3 27.♗xd3±) 25.♕xg6 ♕xg6 26.♗xg6 ♘xg4 27.♗h4∞

23.gxf5 gxf5 24.♖g1± ♔h8?!



24...♖f7 25.♖cf1 ♖b8 26.♕g2±

25.♖xg7! ♔xg7 26.♕g2+ ♔h8

26...♔f7 27.♕h3+-

27.♗d2!+- ♕h4 28.♗c3+

28.♖g1 ♕g4 29.♗c3+ ♘f6 30.♕f2 ♕f3+ 31.♕xf3 exf3 32.♖g6+-

28...♘f6 29.♖f1

29.♕g6! ♕h3 (29...♖c7 30.♖g1 ♖h7 31.♖g2Θ ♖e7 32.♖g5+-) 30.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 31.♕xf6+ ♔h7 32.♕c3+-

29...♖ce8 30.♖xf5 e3 31.♕f3 [∆ Rh5] **31...♖e5 32.♗xe5 dxe5 33.♕xe3 ♘g4 34.♖xf8+**

34.♕g3 ♕xg3 35.hxg3 ♘f6 36.♗c2+-

34...♔g7 35.♕e2 ♔xf8 36.♗f5 ♘xh2

36...♘h6 37.♕xe5+-

37.♕xh2 ♕e1+ 38.♔g2

38.♕g1

38...♕d2+ 39.♔h1 ♕e1+ 40.♕g1 ♕h4+ 41.♔g2 ♕g5+ 42.♔f1 ♕c1+ 43.♔f2 ♕d2+ 44.♔f3 ♕f4+ 45.♔e2 ♕xc4+

45...♕xf5 46.♕f2+-

46.♗d3 ♕xd5 47.♕g4 1-0

83. [B91]**
Wei, Yi (2706) - Giri, Anish (2798)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Pikula, Dejan]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗c1 ♘f6 8.g3 e5 9.♘b3 ♗e7 10.♗g2 O-O

10...b5 11.a4 b4 12.♘d5 ♘xd5 13.♕xd5 ♖a7 14.♗e3 ♗e6 15.♕d3 ♖a8 (15...♖b7 - 124/76) 16.O-O ♘d7 17.f4 (17.a5 ♕c7 18.♘d2 O-O 19.♖fc1 ♖fb8=) (17.♖fc1 a5 18.f4 O-O∞) 17...f6N (17...♖c8) 18.a5 (18.♖fd1 O-O 19.a5 ♕c7 20.♕e2 ♖ac8=) 18...♕c7 19.♖fc1 (19.♕d2 ♖c8∞) (19.♖fd1 O-O 20.♕e2 ♖ac8 21.♖d2 ♕b7∞) 19...O-O (19...♕b7!?) 20.c3 (20.c4 ♘c5 21.♘xc5 dxc5 22.f5 ♖fd8 23.♕c2 ♗c8 24.b3 ♗b7 25.♗f3=) 20...♕b7 21.c4 ♘c5= 22.♕d1 ♗f7 23.f5 ♖ab8 24.h4 ♖fc8 25.g4 ♕c6 26.♘xc5 dxc5 27.g5 ♖d8 28.♕e2 ♖d6 29.b3 ½-½(29) Tasic, V-Agryskina, N corr 127/(83) 2015

11.O-O ♗e6 12.a4

12.h3 ♘bd7 13.a4 b6 14.♘d5N (14.f4) 14...♗xd5 15.exd5 ♕c7 16.♗e3 ♖fc8 17.c3 ♕c4 18.♖e1 ♗d8 19.♘d2 ♕c7⇄ Motylev, A (2653) -Kovchan, A (2583) Al-Ain 127/(83) 2015

12...♘bd7 13.♖e1 ♕c7 14.♘d2 ♗d8!?

14...♕c5 - 97/175

15.♘f1 ♕c5 16.♘e3

16.♘d5 ♘xd5 (16...♗g4!?) 17.exd5 ♗f5 18.♘e3 ♗g6∞

16...♗a5 17.♗d2 ♖ac8N

17...♖fe8 18.♘cd5 ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♗xd2 20.♕xd2 a5 21.♖a3 g6 22.♖b3 ♕c7∞

18.♘e2 ♗xd2

18...♘g4 19.c3 ♘xe3 20.♗xe3 ♕c7=

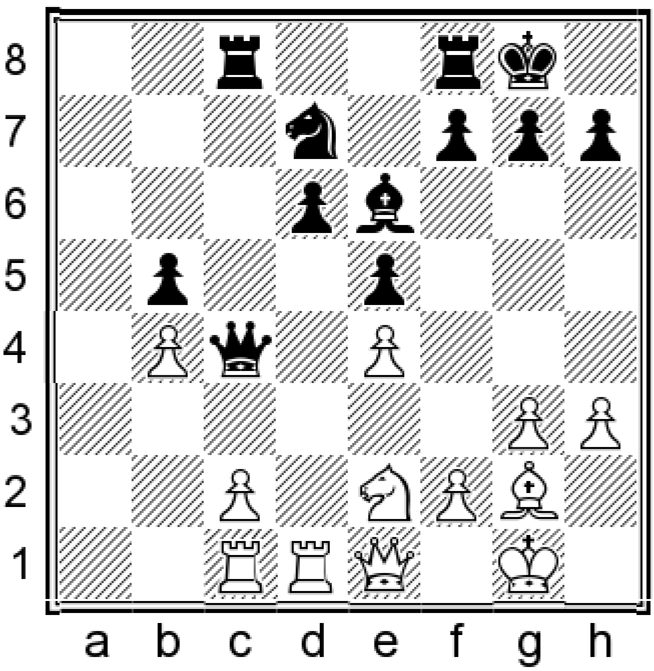
19.♕xd2 ♘g4 20.♘xg4 ♗xg4 21.♖ac1

21.♘c3 ♘f6 22.a5 ♖fd8 23.♖e3 ♗e6=

21...b5 22.b4?!

22.♘c3 ♘f6 23.axb5 axb5 24.♘a2 ♗e6 25.♘b4=

22...♕c6 23.axb5 axb5 24.h3 ♗e6 25.♖ed1 ♕c4 26.♕e1



26...♘f6! 27.♖xd6 ♘xe4 28.♖d3 ♘f6?!

28...f5! 29.♔h2 (29.♖e3 ♗d5 30.♖d1 ♗a8∓) 29...♕c7 30.♖e3 ♕b6∓

29.♖e3 ♗d5 30.♖xe5 ♗xg2 31.♔xg2 ♖fe8= 32.♘f4 ♖xe5 33.♕xe5 ♕xb4 34.♘d5 ♘xd5 35.♕xd5 g6 36.c3 ♕c4 37.♕xc4 ♖xc4 38.♖b1 ♖xc3 39.♖xb5 1/2-1/2

84. [B91]
Adams, Michael (2744) - Van Wely, Loek (2640)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

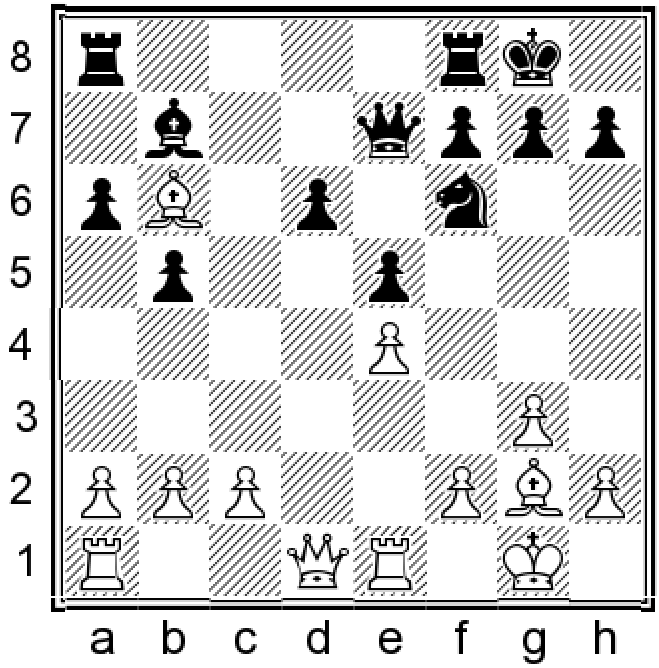
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘de2 ♗e7 8.♗g2 O-O 9.O-O b5 10.♘d5

10.a4 - 43/(315)

10...♘bd7 11.♘ec3 ♗b7 12.♗e3 ♘xd5 13.♘xd5 ♘f6 14.♗b6N

14.♘xf6+

14...♕d7 15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.♖e1



16.♕d3 ♕e6! 17.♗a5 d5 18.exd5 ♗xd5=

16...♘xe4! 17.♖xe4

17.♗xe4?! ♗xe4 18.♖xe4 ♕b7∓

17...f5 18.♖e3 ♗xg2 19.♔xg2 ♕b7+ 20.♖f3

20.♔g1 ♕xb6 21.♕d5+ ♔h8 22.♖c3 ♖ac8 23.♖xc8 ♖xc8 24.♖d1 ♖d8 25.♕f7 f4 26.gxf4 exf4 27.♕xf4=

20...g5

20...e4 21.♖c3 b4 22.♖c4 ♕xb6 23.♕d5+ ♔h8 24.♖c6 ♕b7=

21.♔g1 ♕xb6 22.♕d5+ ♔g7 23.♖d1 ♖ad8 24.♕e6 h6 25.♖fd3

25.h4 ♖f6 (25...♕b7 26.hxg5! (26.♖xf5? ♖de8-+) 26...♕xf3 (26...hxg5?! 27.♖xf5±) 27.♕xh6+ ♔f7 28.♕f6+=) 26.♕e7+ ♖f7 27.♕e6=

25...♖fe8 26.♕b3 f4 27.♖d5 fxg3 28.hxg3 ♖f8 29.♖1d2 ♖f6 30.♕b4 ♕c7

30...♕a7 31.c4 bxc4 32.♕xc4 ♖df8 33.♕c2 ♕e7 34.♕d1 ♖d8=

31.a4 bxa4 32.♕xa4= ♕b6 33.c4 ♖df8 34.♕c2 ♖8f7 35.b3 ♖b7 36.♖2d3 ♖bf7

36...e4 37.♖e3 ♖bf7 38.♕c3 ♔h7 39.♖d2=

37.♖d2 ♖b7 38.♖2d3 ♖bf7 39.♖d2 1/2-1/2

85. [B91]
Fedorchuk, Sergey A (2641) - Volokitin, Andrei (2628)
Ukraine (ch) 2015 [Arsovic, Zoran]

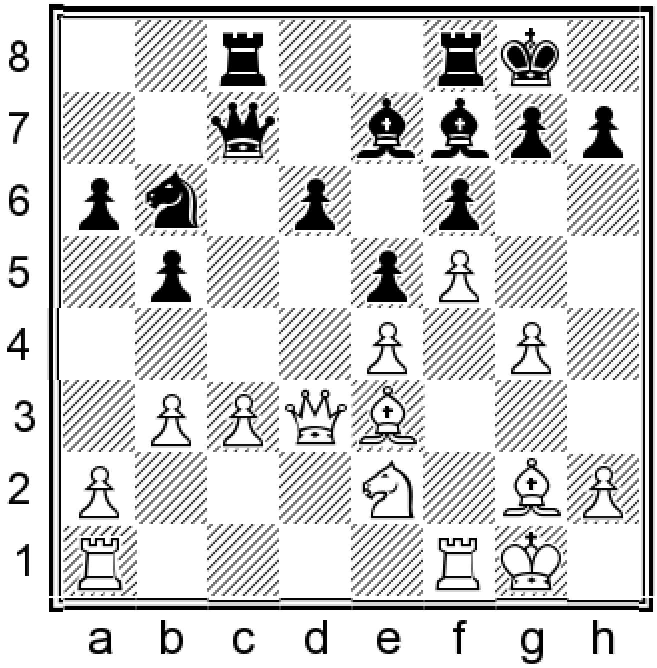
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘de2 ♘bd7 8.♗g2 b5 9.♘d5 ♘xd5 10.♕xd5 ♘b6

10...♕c7 - 27/461

11.♕d3 ♗e7 12.b3 O-O 13.♗e3 ♗e6 14.O-O ♕c7 15.f4N

15.♖fc1

15...f6 16.f5 ♗f7 17.g4 ♖ac8 18.c3



18...d5! 19.exd5 ♗c5!

19...♖fd8 20.♗xb6 ♕xb6+ 21.♔h1 ♖c5 22.c4 ♖dc8=∞

20.♖ad1

20.d6 ♗xd6 21.♖ad1 ♖fd8 22.♗f2 ♗c5 23.♕g3 ♗xf2+ 24.♕xf2 a5∓

20...♖fd8 21.♗xc5 ♕xc5+ 22.♔h1 ♗xd5∓ 23.♗xd5+

23.♕g3 ♗xg2+ 24.♔xg2 (24.♕xg2 ♘d5∓) 24...♕c6+ 25.♔g1 ♕e4∓

23...♘xd5 24.♖f3

24.♕f3 ♘e3 25.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 26.♖c1 h6∓

24...♘e3! 25.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 26.♖xd8+ ♔f7-+ 27.h3

27.♖g3 ♕c6+ 28.♔g1 ♕b6 29.♖d7+ ♔e8-+

27...♕c6 28.♘g1 h5 29.♔h2 ♕c7 30.♖xe3 ♕xd8 31.♘f3 ♕a5 32.b4 ♕xa2+ 33.♔g3 ♕c4 34.♖xe5 ♕c7 0-1

86.* [B92]
Carlsen, Magnus (2834) - Giri, Anish (2784)
Doha 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗g5 ♗e6

8...♘c6 9.♕d3 ♘b4N (9...♗e6) 10.♕d2 h6 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.♘d5?! (12.a3 ♗g5 13.♕d1 ♘c6 14.♕d3 ♗e6∞) 12...♘xd5 13.♕xd5 ♕c7 14.O-O-O ♗e7 15.♔b1 ♗e6 16.♕d3 O-O 17.f4 exf4 18.♘d4 ♗d7 19.♖hf1 ♗f6 20.♖xf4 ♗e5∓ Duda, J (2663) -Carlsen, M (2834) Doha 127/(86) 2015

9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.♕d3 ♗e7 11.♘d5 ♘d7 12.♖d1 ♗xd5 13.♕xd5 ♕c7 14.♘d2

14.♕c4 - 121/(78)

14...O-O 15.O-O b5 16.c3 g6N

16...♖fd8

17.a3 ♖ab8 18.♖fe1 ♖fd8⇄ 19.♕a2 ♘c5 20.♗f1 ♗g5 21.♘b3 ♕c6 22.♘a5 ♕c7 23.♘b3 ♕c6 24.♖d5 ♘d7

24...♘xe4 25.♘a5 ♕b6 26.♖xe4 ♕xa5 27.a4=∞

25.♖d3 ♘c5 26.♖f3 ♖d7 27.♘a5 ♕a8! 28.♕d5

28.♕b1?! d5 29.exd5 e4! 30.♖g3 ♕xd5∓

28...♕xd5 29.exd5 e4

29...f5 30.♘c6 ♖a8∞

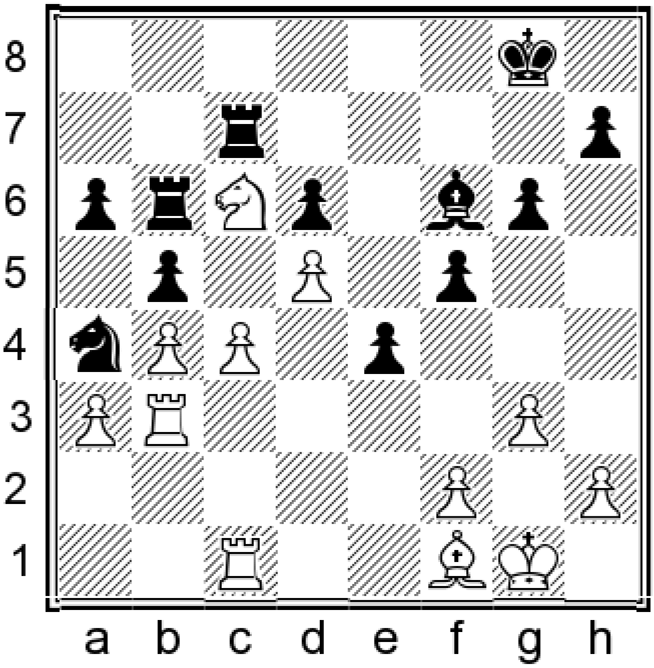
30.♖h3 f5 31.♘c6 ♖b6 32.b4 ♘a4 33.c4 ♖c7

33...♖f7 34.♖b3 (34.cxb5 axb5 35.♘d4 ♗f6 36.♘xb5 ♖fb7 37.♖c1 ♖xb5 38.♗xb5 ♖xb5 39.♖c8+ ♔g7 40.♖c7+ ♔g8 41.♖c8+ ♔g7 42.♖c7+=) 34...♗d2 35.♖d1 ♗g5 36.f3 exf3 37.gxf3±

34.♖b3 ♗d2

34...♗f6 35.f3±⌓34...h5!? 35.♖g3 (35.f3 ♗d2 36.♖d1 e3∓) 35...♗f4! 36.♖b3 (36.♖xg6+?! ♔f7 37.g3 ♔xg6 38.gxf4 bxc4 39.♗xc4 ♔f6∓) 36...♗g5=

35.♖d1 ♗g5 36.g3 ♗f6 37.♖c1



37.♖e1 ♔g7∞

37...♖bxc6! 38.dxc6 ♖xc6 39.♖bb1 ♗g5! 40.♖c2 d5 41.c5 d4 42.♖d1 ♗f6

42...d3? 43.♗xd3 exd3 44.♖xd3 ♗f6 45.♖d7±

43.♖cd2 ♘c3 44.♖xd4 ♘xd1 45.♖xd1 ♗b2= 46.♖d8+ ♔f7 47.♖a8 ♗xa3 48.♗xb5 ♖c7

48...axb5? 49.♖xa3 ♔e6 50.♖a5±

49.♖xa6 ♗xb4 50.c6 ♔e7 51.♖b6 ♗d6 52.♖b7 1/2-1/2

87. [B92]
Ivanchuk, Vassily (2710) - Esen, Baris (2562)
Doha 2015 [Arsovic, Zoran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.♕d3 O-O 11.O-O-O ♗e7 12.♘d5 ♗xd5 13.♕xd5 ♕c7 14.♗g4

14.♔b1 - 122/85

14...♘c6 15.♔b1 ♖fd8N

15...g6⌓15...a5 16.♘d2 b5! 17.c3 (17.♕xb5?! ♖fb8 18.♕c4 a4↑) 17...♖ab8⇄ (17...♖fb8)

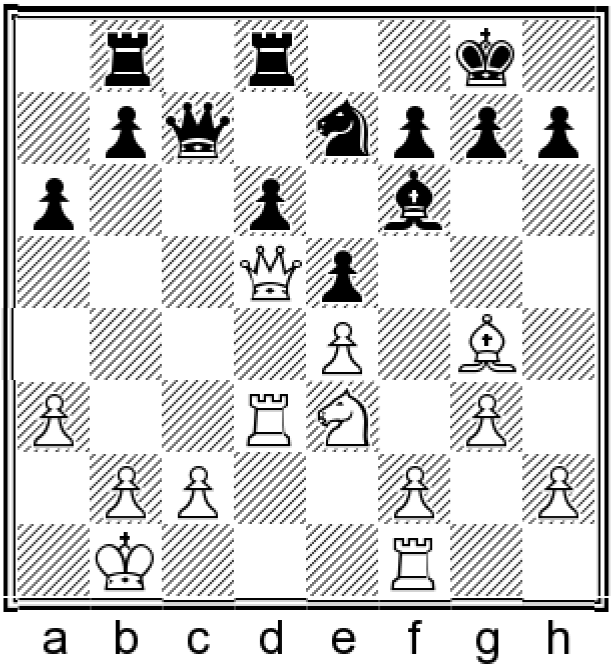
16.a3 ♗f6 17.♖d3 ♕b6 18.♖f1 ♖ab8 19.g3 ♘d4 20.♘a5! ♘c6?!

20...♕c7 21.♖c3 ♕e7 22.h4±

21.♘c4 ♕c7 22.♘e3

22.♘xd6? ♘d4∓

22...♘e7



23.♕c4! ♕a5

23...♕xc4 24.♘xc4 d5 25.exd5 e4 (25...♖xd5 26.♖xd5 ♘xd5 27.♖e1±) 26.♖e3±

24.♖fd1 b5 25.♕b4 ♕xb4 26.axb4± ♖b6 27.h4 g6 28.♖c3 ♖b7?!

28...d5 29.exd5 (29.♘xd5 ♘xd5 30.exd5 ♗e7 31.♖e3 f5 32.♗h3±) 29...e4 30.♖c7 ♔f8 (30...♖bd6 31.f4 exf3 32.♗xf3±) 31.c4! bxc4 32.♘xc4 ♖xb4 33.d6±

29.♗h3 h5 30.f3 ♗g7 31.g4! ♗h6 32.g5 ♗f8 33.♖a3 ♖b6 34.c3 ♖a8 35.♔c2 ♔g7 36.♔d3 ♖a7

36...f6 37.♗e6 fxg5 38.hxg5 ♘c6 39.♖da1±

37.♔e2 ♖a8 38.♔f2 ♖a7 39.♖da1 ♖a8 40.♖a5 ♖a7 41.♔e1 ♔g8 42.♗f1 ♘c6 43.♖5a2 ♘e7

43...♘b8 44.♘d5 ♖bb7 45.♖a5+-

44.♗d3 ♔g7 45.♔e2 ♔g8 46.♗c2 ♗g7 47.♔f2 ♔f8 48.♗d3 ♔e8 49.♘d5!+- ♘xd5 50.exd5 ♗f8 51.♖a5 ♗e7 52.♗xb5+ 1-0

88. !N [B92]
Anand, Viswanathan (2796) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2773)
London 2015 [Szuhanek, Ranko]

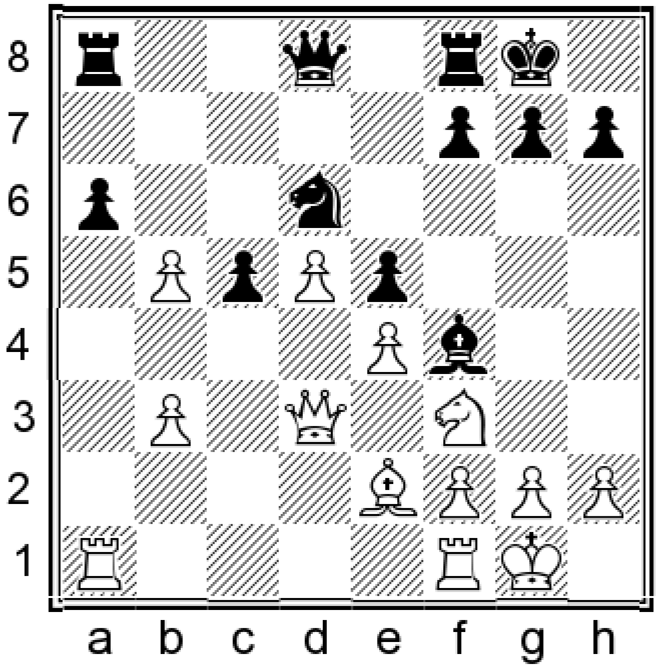
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 ♗e6 9.♘d5 ♘bd7 10.♕d3 O-O 11.c4

11.O-O - 111/110

11...b5 12.♘d2 ♘c5 13.♗xc5 dxc5 14.b3 ♗xd5!N

14...♘xd5

15.cxd5 ♘e8 16.O-O ♘d6 17.a4 ♗g5 18.♘f3 ♗f4 19.axb5



19...f5!

19...axb5 20.♖xa8 ♕xa8 21.♕c2 f5 22.♘h4 fxe4 23.♕xc5 ♕b8=

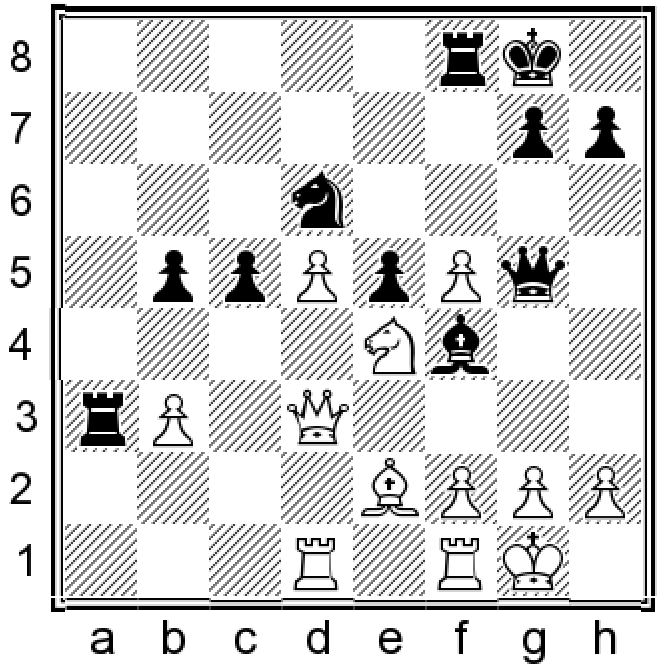
20.♘d2 ♕g5?!

RR20...axb5! 21.exf5 ♖b8 (21...♖c8 22.♖a6 c4 23.bxc4 bxc4 24.♕c3 (24.♕a3 ♖f6∞) 24...♘xf5 25.♘xc4 ♘d4 26.♕d3 ♕h4 27.g3 ♘xe2+ 28.♕xe2 ♗xg3 29.hxg3 ♕xc4=) 22.♖a7 (22.♘e4 ♘xe4 23.♕xe4 ♕h4 24.g3 ♗xg3 25.♕xh4 ♗xh4 26.♗d3=) 22...♗xd2 23.♕xd2 ♘xf5 24.♗g4 ♘d4 25.♕e3 ♕f6∞

21.♖ad1?

21.♘c4! fxe4 (21...♘xb5 22.d6 ♘d4 23.g3 ♕f6 24.gxf4 ♕g6+ 25.♔h1 fxe4 26.♕d1 exf4 27.♖g1 ♕f7 28.♘b6+-) 22.♕h3 ♘xb5 23.♘b6 ♘d4 24.♗c4 ♖a7 (24...♖ae8 25.♘d7 ♘f3+ 26.♔h1 ♘xh2 27.d6+ ♔h8 28.♘xf8 ♖xf8 29.g3 ♘xf1 30.gxf4 ♕d8 (30...♕xf4 31.♖xf1 ♕d2 32.d7+-) (30...♕f6 31.♖xf1 ♕xd6 32.f5+-) 31.♗xf1 ♖xf4 32.♕e6+-) 25.♘d7 ♖e8 26.d6+ ♔h8 27.♘xc5 ♕g6 28.d7 ♖f8 29.♘e6 ♘xe6 30.♕xe6 ♕f6 31.♖ad1 ♖aa8 32.♖fe1 e3 33.♕xf6 exf2+ 34.♔xf2 gxf6 35.g3 ♗h6 36.♖d6+-

21...axb5 22.exf5 ♖a3 23.♘e4



23...c4!∓ 24.♕c2?

24.♕f3 ♕h6 25.g3 ♖xb3 26.♕g2 ♗g5 27.♗g4 c3 28.h4 ♗e7 29.♖c1 ♘xe4 30.♕xe4 ♗d6∓

24...♕xf5-+ 25.♕b2 ♖xb3 26.♕xb3 cxb3 27.♘xd6 ♕g6 28.♘xb5 e4 29.d6 b2 30.♘d4 ♕xd6 31.♗c4+ ♔h8 32.♘e6 ♗xh2+ 33.♔h1 ♖xf2! 34.♘g5 ♗g3 0-1

89. [B92]
Heberla, Bartlomiej (2531) - Gajewski, Grzegorz (2646)
Deutschland 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

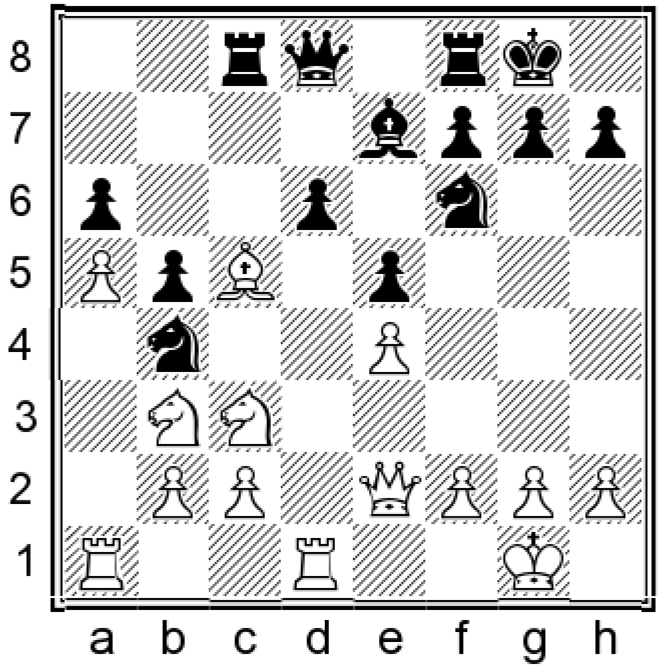
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♗e3 ♗e6 10.a4 ♘c6 11.♗f3 ♘b4 12.♕d2 ♖c8 13.♖fd1 ♗g4

13...a5 - 35/(345)13...♘g4 14.♗xg4 ♗xg4 15.f3 ♗e6∞

14.♗xg4 ♘xg4 15.♗a7 b6N

15...♖a8 16.h3 ♖xa7 17.hxg4 ♕d7∞ (17...♕c8)

16.♕e2 ♘f6 17.a5 b5 18.♗c5



18.♗b6 ♕e8 19.♘c1 ♕c6 20.♘d3 ♘xd3 21.♕xd3 ♕c4=

18...dxc5! 19.♖xd8 ♖fxd8 20.♖c1

20.♖d1 c4 21.♘c1 ♖xd1+ 22.♘xd1 ♖d8⯹

20...♘c6

20...c4 21.♘d2 ♘c6 22.♘f3 ♗c5⯹

21.♘d5 ♘xd5 22.exd5 ♖xd5 23.c4! ♘d4

23...bxc4 24.♕xc4 ♘b4 25.g3 g6⯹

24.♕e4?!

24.♕d3 bxc4 25.♕xc4 ♖cd8 26.g3 (26.♘xd4 ♖xd4 27.♕f1 ♗g5 28.♖a1 c4⯹) 26...♘b5⯹

24...♖dd8 25.♘xd4 cxd4 26.b3

26.♕b7?! ♗g5 27.♖d1 bxc4 28.♕xa6 ♖e8-+ Δ c3

26...bxc4 27.bxc4 ♗b4 28.h4

28.♕b7 ♗xa5 29.♕xa6 ♗c3∓

28...d3 29.♖d1 d2 30.♔h2?!

30.♔f1 ♗xa5∓

30...♖d4!-+ 31.♕b7 ♖xh4+ 32.♔g3 ♖hxc4 33.♕xa6 ♖c1 34.f3 g6 0-1

90. [B92]
Nakamura, Hikaru (2787) - Giri, Anish (2798)
Zürich (rapid) 2016 [Pikula, Dejan]

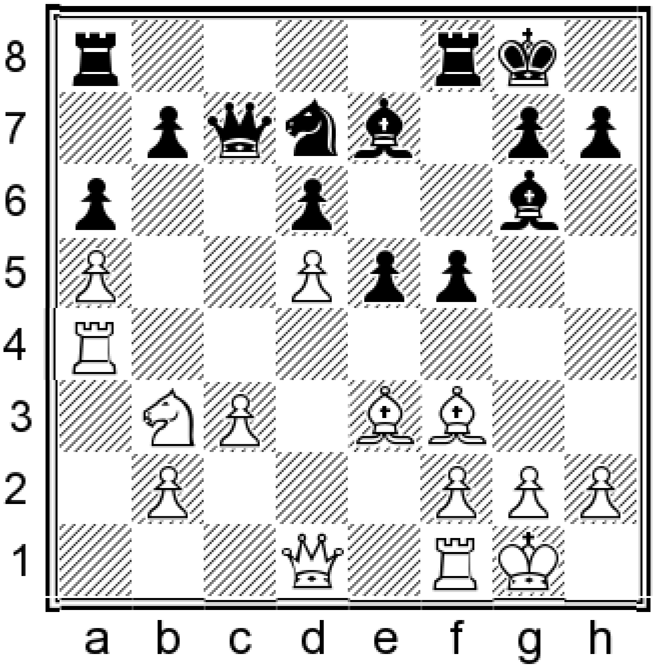
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 ♗e6 9.♗f3 ♘bd7 10.O-O

10.g4 - 21/430

10...O-O 11.a4 ♕c7 12.♘d5N

12.a5

12...♘xd5 13.exd5 ♗f5 14.c3 ♗g6 15.a5 f5↑ 16.♖a4?!



16.g3 f4 17.gxf4 exf4 18.♗d4 ♖ae8 19.♖e1∞

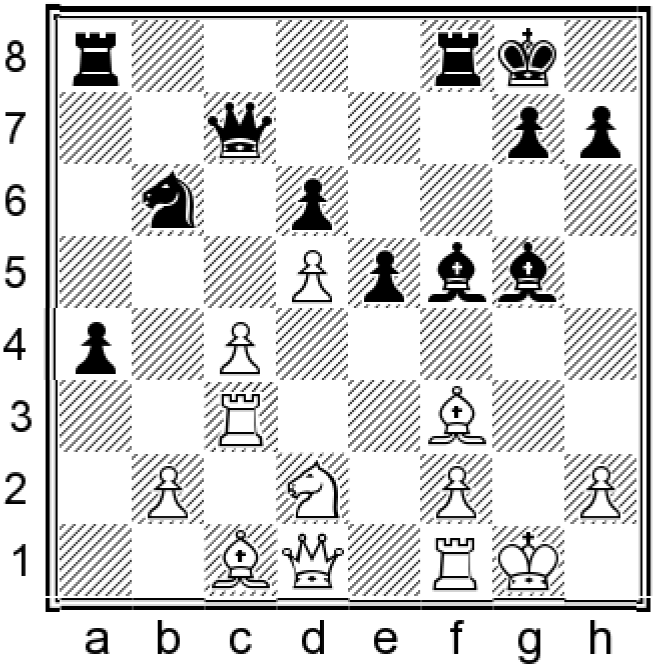
16...b5! 17.axb6 ♘xb6 18.♖a2

18.♗xb6 ♕xb6 19.♖a2 a5∓

18...♘c4 19.♗c1 a5 20.♘d2 ♘b6∓ 21.♖a3 a4 22.c4 ♗f6 23.g4

23.g3 e4 24.♗e2 ♗e5 25.b3 f4∓23.♗e2 e4 24.b3 axb3 25.♕xb3 ♘d7∓

23...♗g5 24.gxf5 ♗xf5 25.♖c3



25.♕e2 ♗f4 26.♖c3 ♘d7 (26...a3!? 27.♖xa3 (27.bxa3 ♘a4-+) 27...♖xa3 28.bxa3 ♕e7∓) 27.♘e4 ♗xe4 28.♗xe4 ♘c5∓

25...♘d7?!

25...a3! 26.♖xa3 (26.bxa3 ♘a4 27.♖b3 ♘c5 28.♖c3 ♕a5-+) 26...♖xa3 27.bxa3 ♗h3 28.♗g2 (28.♖e1 ♕f7-+) 28...♗xg2 29.♔xg2 ♗xd2 30.♗xd2 ♕xc4-+

26.b4 axb3

⌓26...♕b6 27.♗g4 ♗xd2 28.♗xd2 ♕d4 29.♖g3 (29.♗xf5 ♖xf5 30.♕c2 ♖af8∓) 29...a3∓

27.♘xb3 ♗xc1 28.♕xc1 ♘c5?!

28...♖a2 29.♕e3 (29.c5 ♘f6! 30.c6 (30.cxd6 ♕xd6 31.♖c6 ♕b4∓) 30...♕f7∓) 29...♘f6 30.♘d2 ♕a5∓

29.♘xc5 ♕xc5 30.♕e3 ♕xe3

⌓30...♖fc8 31.♕xc5 ♖xc5 32.♗e2 ♖a2 33.♖e3 ♔f7∓

31.♖xe3 ♖fc8 32.♗e2 g6 33.f4 exf4 34.♖xf4 ♖e8 35.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 36.♔f2 ♔g7 37.♗g4= ♖e5 38.♗xf5 ♖xf5 39.♖xf5 gxf5 40.♔e3 ♔g6 41.♔d4 ♔f6

41...f4 42.♔e4 ♔g5 43.c5 dxc5 44.♔e5 f3 45.d6=

42.c5 dxc5+ 43.♔xc5 ♔e7 44.d6+ ♔d7 45.♔d5 f4 46.♔e4 ♔xd6 47.♔xf4 1/2-1/2

91.* [B94]**
Guseinov, Gadir (2646) - Maletin, Pavel (2580)
Mashhad 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♕e2 h6 8.♗h4 g6 9.O-O-O

9.f4 e5 10.O-O-O ♗e7 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.♘f3 ♕c7 13.♔b1N (13.♕c4 - 117/78) 13...b5 14.♗xf6 ♘xf6 15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.exd5 ♗d6 17.♘d2 f5 (17...♗f5 18.♖c1 ♖c8 19.♕d1 ♕d7∞) 18.g4! fxg4 19.h3 h5 20.♘e4 O-O 21.♘g5? (21.♖d3! ♕e7 22.hxg4 ♗xg4 23.♕g2↑) 21...g3 22.♘e6 ♗xe6 23.dxe6 ♖ae8 24.♗g2 ♔g7∓ Biolek, R (2435) -Navara, D (2730) Cesko 127/(91) 2016

9...e5 10.♘b3 ♗e7 11.g4N

11.f3 - 127/(91) 11...b5 12.a3 ♗b7 13.♔b1 ♕c7 14.♕d2 ♔f8N (14...♖c8) 15.♗f2 - 127/(91) (15.g4N ♔g7 16.♗f2 ♖ad8 17.♗e2 d5! 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.exd5 ♘f6 20.♕a5 ♕xa5 21.♘xa5 ♗xd5 22.♖he1 ♗a8= Zhang, Z (2619) -Ponomariov, R (2710) Doha 127/(91) 2015) 15...♔g7 16.♗e3 ♖ab8 17.g4 ♘b6 18.♘a5?! (18.h4 d5! 19.♕f2 (19.♗xb6 ♕xb6 20.♘xd5 ♘xd5 21.exd5 ♖hd8∓) 19...♘a4 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.exd5 ♖bd8∞) 18...♗a8 19.♗xb6 ♕xb6 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.exd5 ♖hc8∓ Das, S (2444) -Tsolakidou, S (2277) Kavala 127/(91) 2015

11...b5 12.♗g3?!

12.a3 ♕c7 13.f3 ♔f8 14.♗f2 ♔g7 15.♔b1 ♘b6⇄

12...b4 13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.exd5

14.♖xd5 O-O 15.♔b1 a5∓

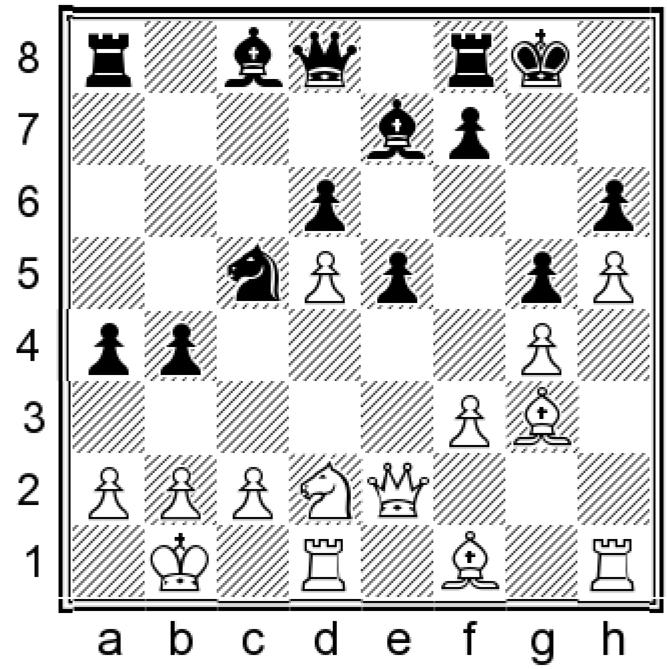
14...O-O 15.h4?!

15.f4 a5 16.fxe5 ♘xe5 17.h3 ♕c7∓

15...a5 16.♔b1 a4 17.♘d2 ♘c5

17...a3! 18.b3 ♘f6∓

18.h5 g5 19.f3



19...b3! 20.♘e4

20.cxb3 axb3 21.a3 f5 22.♗f2 ♕c7 (22...♘a4↑) 23.♗xc5 ♕xc5 24.♘xb3 ♕b6 25.♕c2 ♗d7∓

20...♘xe4 21.♕xe4

21.fxe4 ♕c7 22.c4 bxa2+ 23.♔a1 ♗d7∓

21...f5∓ 22.♕d3 bxa2+ 23.♔xa2 ♗d7?!

23...♕b6! 24.♗e1 (24.♖b1 ♗a6 25.♕a3 fxg4 26.fxg4 ♕d4-+) 24...♗a6 25.c4 ♖ab8 26.♕c2 ♖fc8-+

24.♗h3 ♕b6 25.gxf5 ♖fb8 26.♕a3 ♗f6

26...♕c7 27.♔b1 ♗f6 28.♖h2 e4-+

27.♖he1

27.c3 ♕c7 28.♔a1 ♖b3 29.♕a2 ♕b7-+27.♗e1 ♕c7 28.♕c3 ♕d8!-+

27...e4-+

27...♕c7 28.♔a1 e4 29.c3 ♖b3-+

28.♖xe4 ♕xb2+ 29.♕xb2 ♖xb2+ 30.♔a3 ♖xc2 31.♗xd6 ♗b2+ 32.♔a2 a3 33.♔b3 ♖f2 0-1

92.* [B96]
Grischuk, Alexander (2747) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2773)
London 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 h6 8.♗h4 ♕b6 9.a3 ♗e7 10.♗f2 ♕c7 11.♕f3

11.♗d3 b5 12.O-O ♗b7 13.♕e2N (13.♕f3) 13...♘c6 14.♖ae1 ♖d8 (14...O-O 15.♘xc6 (15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 ♘xd4 17.♗xd4 ♘d7 18.b4 ♖ad8 19.♕e3∞) 15...♗xc6 16.♗d4 ♖fd8=) 15.♘xe6! fxe6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 ♘xe5 (17...♘d5? 18.♕h5+ ♔d7 19.♘xd5+-) 18.♕xe5 ♕xe5 19.♖xe5 ♔f7?! (19...♘g4! 20.♖xe6 ♘xf2 21.♖xf2 (21.♖fe1 ♖d7 22.♔xf2 (22.♗g6+ ♔d8 23.♔xf2 ♖f8+ 24.♔g1 ♖f6 25.♗d3 ♗c5+ 26.♔h1 ♗d4⯹) 22...O-O+ 23.♔g1 ♗c5+ 24.♔h1 ♗d4⯹) 21...♔d7! 22.♖fe2 ♗f6⯹) 20.♖fe1 ♖d6 21.♗f5 (21.♖5e2±) 21...♗c8 22.♗c5 ♖d5! 23.♖xd5 (23.♗g6+ ♔xg6 24.♗xe7 ♖xe5 25.♖xe5 ♗d7=) 23...♘xd5 24.♗xe7 ♘xc3 25.♗b4 exf5 26.♗xc3 ♖d8= Najer, E (2674) -Oparin, G (2563) Moscow 127/(92) 2015

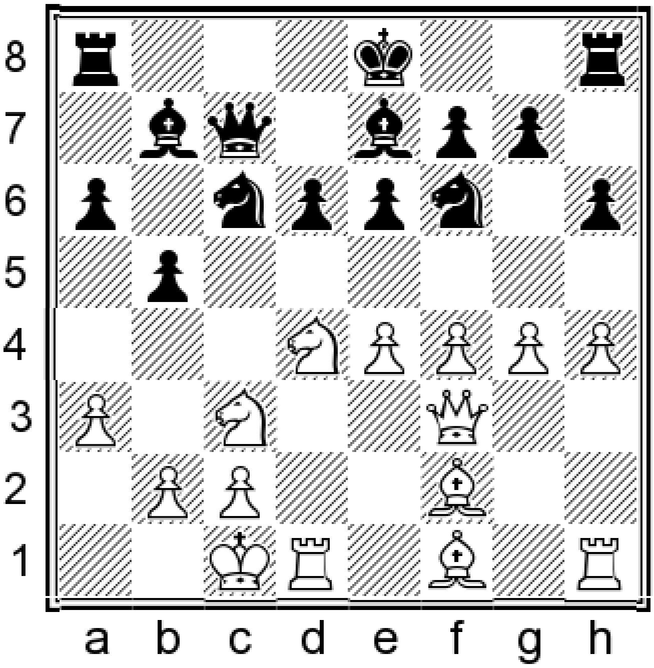
11...b5 12.g4

12.O-O-O - 112/(150)

12...♘c6 13.O-O-ON

13.♘xc6 ♕xc6 14.O-O-O ♗b7 15.♗d3 ♘d7 16.h4 ♘c5∞

13...♗b7 14.h4



14...d5! 15.e5

15.exd5 ♘xd4! 16.♗xd4 ♘xd5 17.♗xg7 (17.♗g2 O-O 18.♕f2 ♘xc3 19.♗xc3 ♗xg2 20.♕xg2 ♖ad8∞ (20...♕xf4+ 21.♔b1 ♖ad8 22.♖df1 ♕c4 23.g5 h5∞)) 17...♘xc3! 18.♕xc3 ♕xc3 (18...♕xf4+ 19.♔b1 ♗xh1 20.♗xh8 ♗b7∞) 19.♗xc3 ♗xh1 20.♗xh8 ♗f3 21.♖d2 ♗xh4 22.♗g7 ♗xg4 23.♗g2 ♖d8 24.♗xh6=

15...♘e4 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♕c3 ♖c8 18.♖h3 b4 19.axb4 ♘xb4 20.♕xc7 ♖xc7= 21.f5 O-O 22.♗e1

22.c3 ♗d5 23.♗e3 ♖b8 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.g5 hxg5 26.hxg5 ♘a2+ 27.♔c2 ♘b4+ 28.♔c1=

22...♗d5 23.g5 ♖fc8 24.♗xb4

24.f6 ♘xc2! 25.♘xc2 (25.fxe7 ♘xe1+ (25...♘xd4+ 26.♖c3 ♖xc3+ 27.bxc3 ♘f5∞) 26.♖c3 ♖xc3+ 27.bxc3 ♘d3+ 28.♗xd3 exd3 29.♔d2 ♖e8 30.♔xd3 hxg5 31.hxg5 ♖xe7=) 25...♖xc2+ 26.♔b1 e3! 27.fxe7 (27.♖xe3 ♗c5 28.♖ed3 ♗b6∞) 27...e2 28.♗xe2 ♖xe2 29.gxh6 ♖e8 30.♗b4 ♖xe5 31.hxg7 ♖e4 32.♗d6 ♖g4=

24...♗xb4 25.f6 ♔h7 26.c3 gxf6 27.gxf6 ♖g8 28.♗xa6 ♗c5! 29.♘b5 ♖c6 30.♗b7 ♖b6 31.♗xd5 exd5 32.♘d4

32.♘c7 ♖g2 33.♖xd5 ♖bxb2 34.♖xc5 ♖gc2+ 35.♔d1 ♖d2+ 36.♔c1= (36.♔e1? ♖g2 37.♔f1 ♖gf2+ 38.♔g1 (38.♔e1 e3 39.♖d5 (39.♖xe3 ♖h2-+) 39...♖be2+ 40.♔d1 ♖a2 41.♔e1 ♖g2 42.♖h1 e2-+) 38...♖fd2-+)

32...♗xd4 33.cxd4 ♖g2 34.♖d2 ♖xd2 35.♔xd2 ♔g6! 36.b3 ♔f5 37.♖g3 ♔f4 38.♖g1 e3+ 39.♔d3 ♖xb3+ 40.♔c2 ♖b6 41.♔d3 ♖b3+ 42.♔c2 ♖b6 43.♔d3 1/2-1/2

93. [B98]
Carlsson, Pontus (2430) - Gavilan Diaz, Mario (2261)
Gibraltar 2016 [Carlsson, Pontus]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♗e7 8.♕f3 ♕a5 9.O-O-O ♗d7 10.e5!?

10.♗xf6 - 91/229

10...dxe5 11.fxe5 ♘c6 12.♘xc6 ♗xc6 13.♕g3 ♘h5 14.♕h4 ♗xg5+ 15.♕xg5 g6 16.h4?N

16.♗d3! f6 17.♕h6 O-O-O (17...♕xe5? 18.♗xg6++-) 18.g4! ♗xh1 19.♖xh1 ♕xe5 20.gxh5±16.♗e2! f6 17.♕h6 ♕xe5 18.♗xh5 gxh5 (18...♕xh5? 19.♕g7 ♖f8 20.♘e4+-) 19.h4! (19.♖he1 ♕g5+∞)

16...b5?

16...♕c5! 17.♗d3 h6 18.♕d2 ♕xe5 19.♖hf1 ♘g3 20.♖f2 g5 21.♖e1 ♕g7 22.♘e4 (22.♗xa6 gxh4 23.♗d3 ♕g5 24.♖e3 O-O-O 25.♖xf7 ♗xg2-+) 22...♘xe4 23.♗xe4 O-O 24.hxg5 ♖fd8! 25.♕f4 hxg5∓

17.♗d3 ♖c8

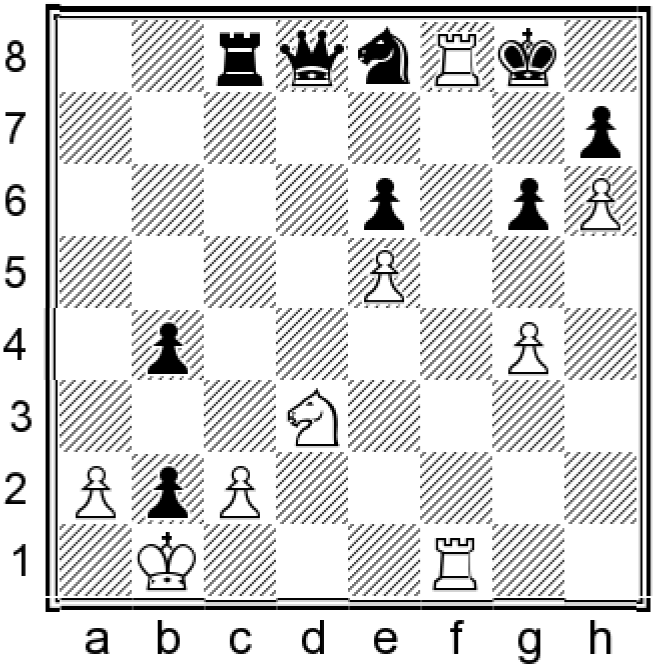
17...b4? 18.♘e4 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 ♖c8 20.♔b1 O-O 21.♗d3 ♖c5 22.♖he1 ♕a4 (22...♖fc8 23.g4 ♘g7 24.h5 ♕a4 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.♖h1 ♖a5 27.♕h6 ♕xa2+ 28.♔c1+-) 23.g4 ♘g7 24.h5 ♖a5 25.♗c4!+-

18.♔b1 O-O

18...b4 19.♘e4 (19.♘e2!? ♗d5 20.b3 h6 21.♕e3 ♗xg2 22.♖hg1 ♗d5 23.♘f4 ♘xf4 24.♕xf4 ♕c5 25.♖df1 ♖c7 26.♕f6 ♖g8 27.h5±) 19...♗xe4 20.♗xe4 - 17...b4

19.g4?!

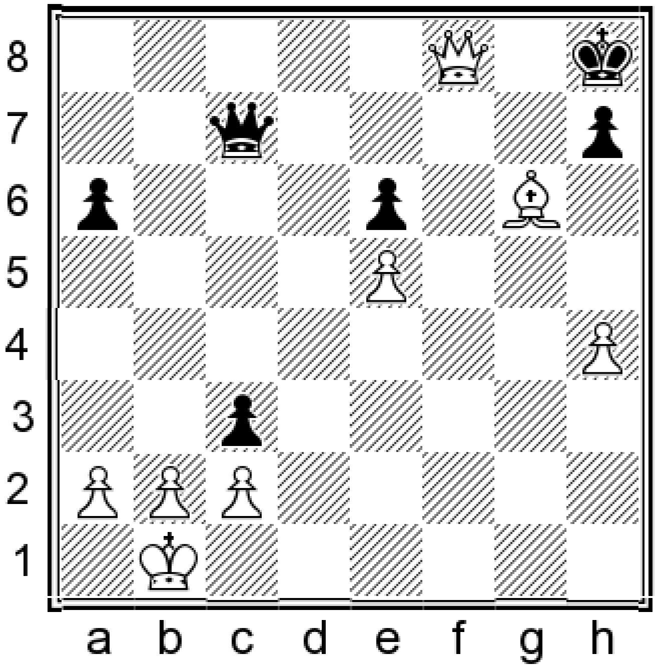
19.♖hg1! b4 20.♘e2 ♗b5 21.g4 ♗xd3 22.♖xd3 ♘g7 23.h5 ♕c5 24.♖d2 a5 25.♖f1 a4 26.♘c1 a3 27.♘d3 ♕d4 28.h6 ♘e8 29.♖df2 ♕d7 (29...axb2?? 30.♕e7 ♕d8 31.♕xf8+! ♔xf8 32.♖xf7+ ♔g8 33.♖f8#



) 30.b3±

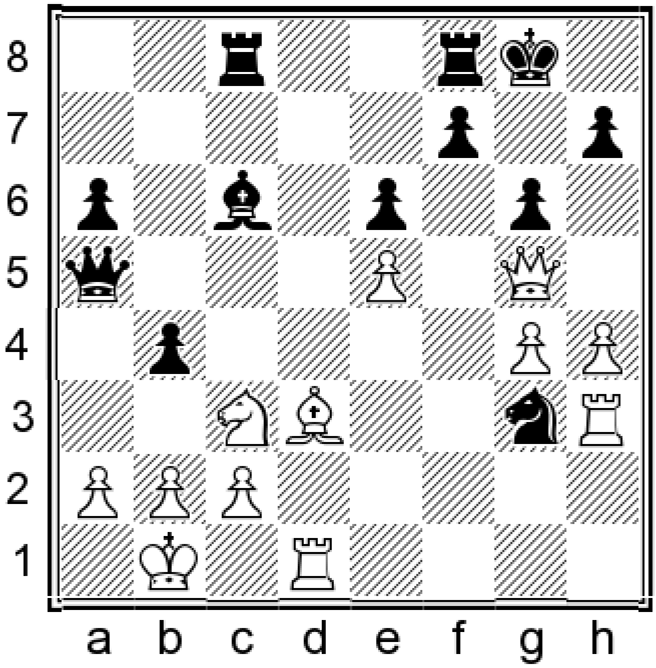
19...♘g3?

19...♗xh1! 20.♖xh1 (20.gxh5!? ♗f3 21.♖f1! (21.♖g1? ♕d8! 22.hxg6 (22.♕h6? ♕d4!∓) 22...fxg6 23.♕h6 ♕e7 24.♗xg6 ♔h8 25.♗d3 b4∓) 21...♖xc3! (21...b4? 22.♖xf3 bxc3 23.hxg6 fxg6 24.♗xg6! ♕d8 (24...♔h8? 25.♕h6 ♕c7 26.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 27.♕xf8#



) 25.♗xh7+ ♔h8 (25...♔xh7? 26.♕h5+ ♔g7 27.♖g3++-) 26.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 27.♗d3→) (21...♗xh5? 22.♘e4 f5 23.exf6→) 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.bxc3 ♕xc3 24.♗xg6! ♕b4+ 25.♔c1 ♕a3+ 26.♔b1=) 20...♖xc3! (20...♘g3 21.♖g1 b4 22.♘d1 ♘e2 23.♗xe2 ♖xc2! 24.♔xc2 ♕c5+ 25.♔b3 ♕xg1 26.♕e3 ♕e1 27.♘f2 a5 28.♘e4∞) (20...f6!? 21.exf6 ♘xf6 22.h5 ♖xc3! 23.bxc3 ♕xc3 24.hxg6 ♕b4+ 25.♔c1 ♕c3 26.gxh7+ ♔h8 27.♕h6 ♖d8 28.♔b1 ♕b4+ 29.♔a1 ♕c3+ 30.♔b1=) 21.bxc3 ♘g7 22.h5 ♕xc3 23.hxg6 fxg6 24.♕h6 ♕b4+ 25.♔a1 ♕c3+=

20.♖h3 b4



21.h5! ♕d8

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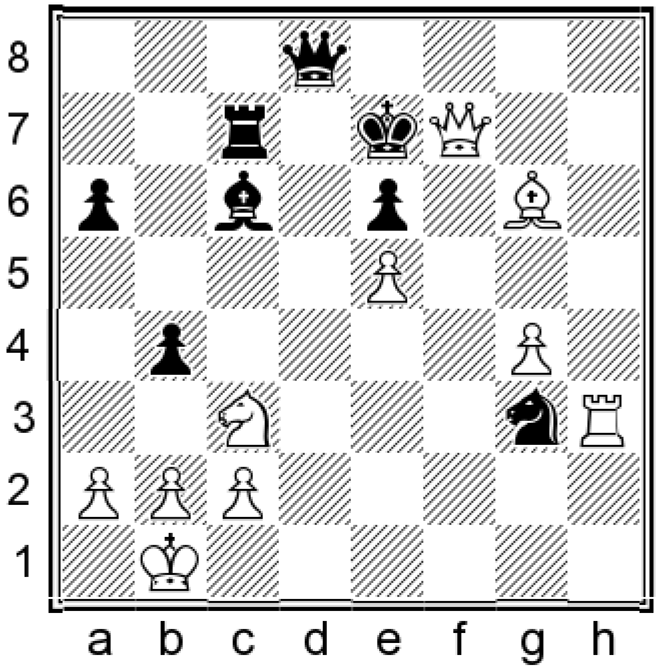
22.♕h6 ♕e7?

22...♕c7!

23.hxg6 fxg6 24.♗xg6! ♖c7 25.♖xg3?

25.♖d8!! ♗e8! (25...♕xd8 26.♗xh7+ ♔f7 27.♗g6+ ♔e7 28.♕g7+ ♖f7 29.♕xf7#) (25...♖xd8 26.♗xh7+! ♕xh7 27.♕g5+ ♔f8 28.♕xd8+ ♗e8 29.♖xh7 ♖xh7 30.♘d1+-) 26.♖xe8 ♖xe8 27.♗xe8 ♕xe8 28.♖xg3 bxc3 29.b3!+-



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26.♖xc3 ♗f3?

26...hxg6 27.♕xg6+ ♕g7 28.♕xe6+ ♕f7 29.♖xc6+-

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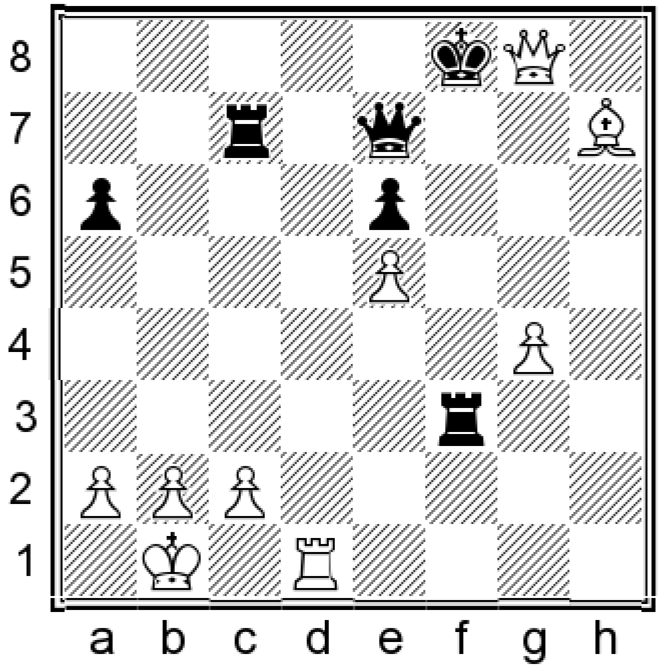
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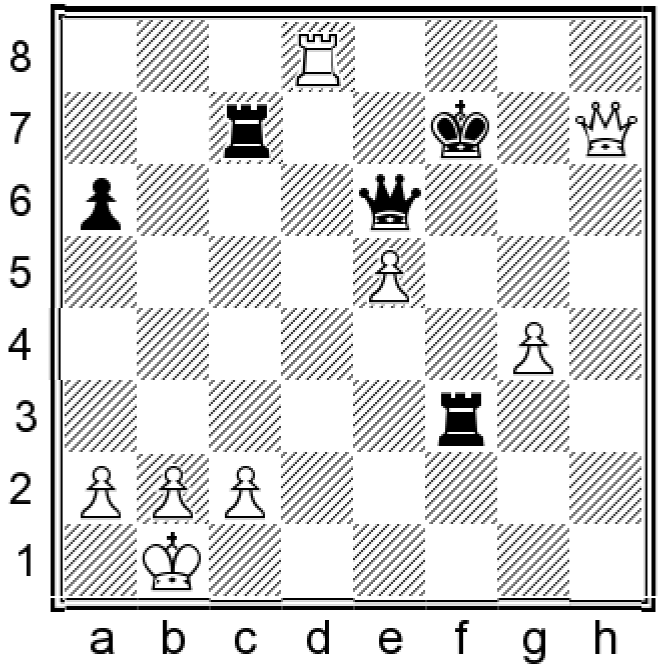
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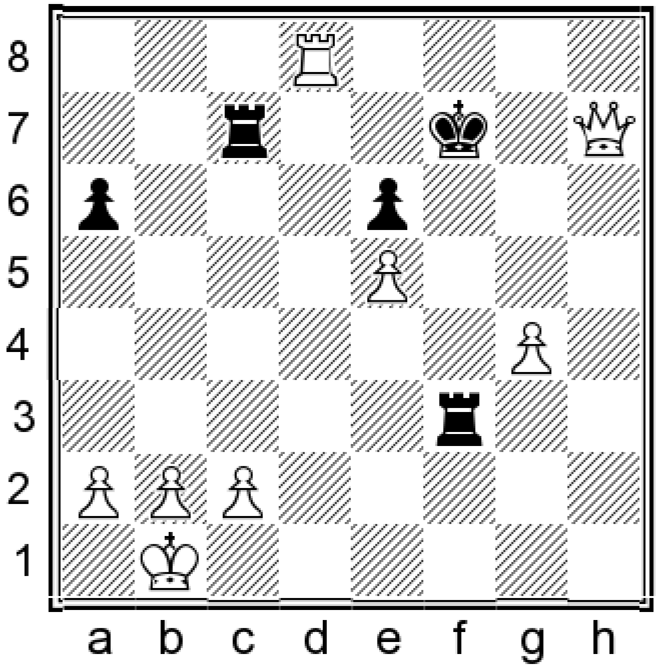
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C00-C49

94.* [C00]
Giri, Anish (2784) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2793)
London 2015 [Harikrishna, Penteala]

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.O-O ♗e7 5.d3 O-O 6.♘bd2 c5

6...♘c6!? 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.♘c4 ♕xd1 10.♖xd1 ♘xe4N (10...♗g4) 11.♘fxe5 ♘xe5 12.♘xe5 ♘f6 13.♘c4 c6= Giri, A (2798) -Aronian, L (2784) Skopje 127/(94) 2015

7.e4 ♘c6 8.♖e1 ♕c7

8...b5 9.exd5 (9.a4 b4 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♘c4 ♗b7∞) 9...exd5 (9...♘xd5 - 126/81) 10.a4 b4 (10...bxa4 11.♖xa4±) 11.d4!?

9.♕e2 b5 10.a4

10.exd5 - 125/78

10...b4 11.exd5N

11.b3

11...exd5 12.♘b3 ♖e8 13.♗f4 ♕b6

13...♕d8 14.♕d2 (14.♘e5 ♘xe5 15.♗xe5 ♗g4 16.♕d2 ♗e6 17.d4 ♘e4 18.♕d1 c4 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.♘c5 ♗d5∓) 14...♗f5∞

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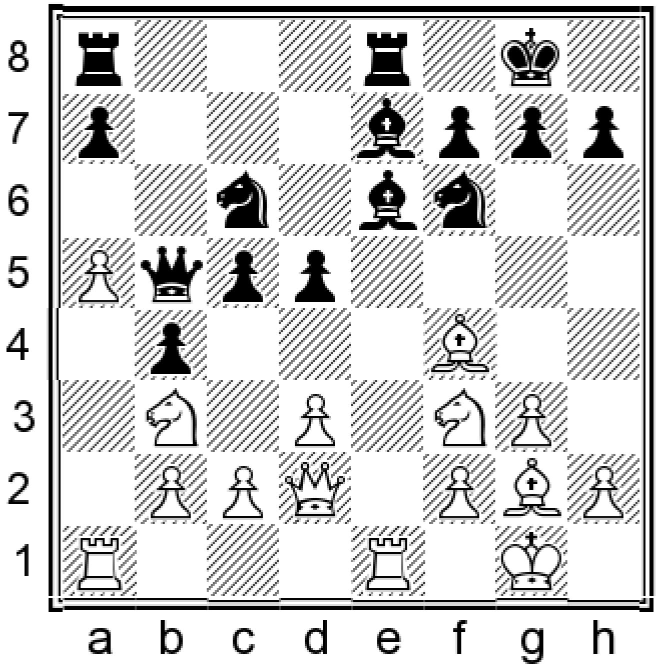


15...a6!? 16.♖e2 ♗d7 17.♖ae1 ♗f8 18.♘e5 ♗e6=

16.a6! ♗f8

16...♗c8?! 17.♖xe7! (17.♗g5 ♗xa6 18.♘h4!) 17...♖xe7 18.♗d6 ♖e8 (18...♖e6 19.♗xc5 ♗xa6 20.♘bd4 ♘xd4 21.♘xd4 ♕xc5 22.♘xe6±) 19.♗xc5 ♗xa6 20.♘fd4 ♘xd4 21.♗xd4 ♗c8±

17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.♗xe5 ♘d7 19.♗f4 ♕b6

19...♖ac8!? 20.c4 dxc4 21.♖xe6 fxe6 22.dxc4 ♕xc4 23.♘a5 ♕d4 24.♕e2 ♕f6∞

20.c3

20.c4 bxc3 (20...dxc4 21.♗xa8 c3 22.bxc3 ♖xa8 23.c4±) 21.bxc3±

20...♖ac8 21.♕c2 d4

21...h6!?

22.♘d2 h6 23.h4 dxc3 24.bxc3 bxc3?!

24...♘f6! 25.♗b7 (25.♘c4 ♗xc4 26.♖xe8 b3!! (26...♘xe8 27.dxc4 b3 28.♕b2±) 27.♕b2 ♖xe8 28.dxc4 ♘h5∓) 25...b3 26.♕b1 b2 27.♖a3 ♘h5∞

25.♕xc3 ♘f6 26.♘c4 ♕d8

26...♕b4 27.♕c2 ♗xc4 28.♖xe8 ♖xe8 29.♕xc4 ♖e1+ 30.♖xe1 ♕xe1+ 31.♗f1 ♘g4 32.♕a2 h5±

27.♗b7 ♘d5 28.♕d2 ♘xf4 29.♕xf4 ♕xd3 30.♘e5 ♕d6 31.♖ad1 ♕c7 32.♘c6 ♕xc6 33.♗xc6 ♖xc6 34.♕a4+- ♖ec8 35.♖d8 c4 36.♖xc8 ♖xc8 37.♖xe6! fxe6 38.♕d7 ♖c5 39.♕xe6+ ♔h7 40.♕f7 ♗d6 41.h5 ♖g5 42.♔g2 c3 43.f4 1-0

95.* [C02]
Eliseev, Urii (2582) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2674)
Moscow 2016 [Petronijevic, Zoran]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 a6 3.c3 e6 4.d4 d5 5.e5 ♗d7 6.♗d3 cxd4 7.cxd4 ♗b5 8.♗c2 ♗b4+

8...a5 9.a3 ♘c6 10.♘c3 ♗a6 11.♗d3N (11.h4) 11...♗xd3 12.♕xd3 ♘ge7± Saric, I (2678) -Drazic, S (2430) Hrvatska 127/(95) 2015

9.♗d2 a5

9...♗xd2+ - 99/184

10.a3

10.♘c3±

10...♗xd2+ 11.♕xd2 ♘e7

11...♘c6 12.♘c3 ♗a6=

12.♘c3 ♗a6 13.h4! h6

13...♘bc6 14.♖h3 h6 15.h5±

14.♖h3 ♘d7

⌓14...♘bc6 15.h5 O-O 16.g4 f6 17.exf6 ♖xf6 18.♖g3±

15.h5 ♕c7N

15...♖g8 16.♖g3±15...♘b6 16.♕f4 ♘c4 17.♖b1 ♖c8 18.♘h4±

16.♖g3± ♕c4

16...♖g8 17.♗h7 ♕c4 18.♘h2 ♖h8 19.♖xg7±

17.O-O-O?

17.♘h2!±

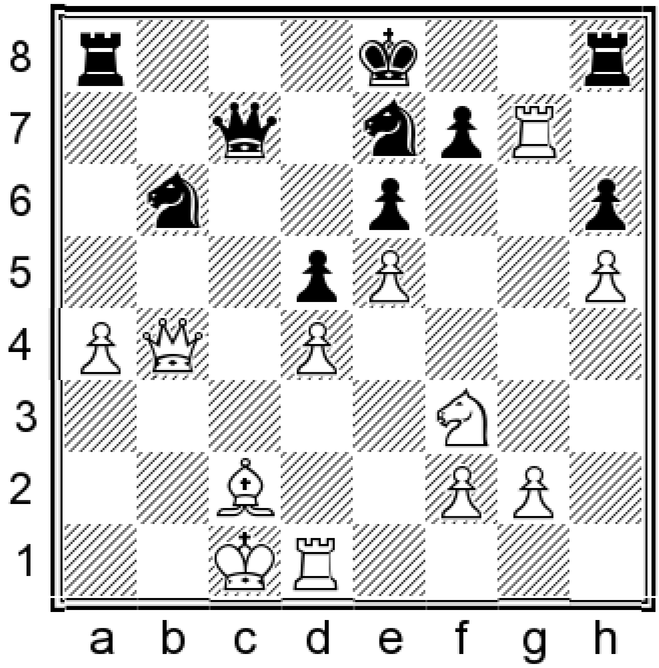
17...b5!∞ 18.b3 ♕c7 19.♖xg7 b4

⌓19...♘b6!? 20.♘a2 b4∞

20.axb4 axb4 21.♘a4 ♗b5?!

⌓21...♕a5 22.♕f4 ♖f8 23.♔b2 ♘b6=

22.♕xb4! ♗xa4 23.bxa4 ♘b6?



23...♖b8 24.♕a3 ♖c8 25.♖d2 ♘b6 26.♕a2 ♘c6=

24.♔d2! ♘c6

24...♖b8 25.♕c3 ♕xc3+ 26.♔xc3 ♔f8 27.♖g3±

25.♕c3

25.♕b5 ♖b8 26.♕c5 ♘c4+ 27.♔e2 ♖b2 28.♖c1±

25...♘xa4 26.♗xa4 ♖xa4 27.♖b1

27.♔e1±

27...♔f8 28.♖g4 ♔e7

28...♖c4 29.♕a3+ ♕e7 30.♕d6±

29.♕c5+

29.♔e1!?±

29...♔d7 30.♖f4

30.♖g7 ♘d8 31.♕xc7+ ♔xc7 32.♔e2±

30...f5 31.g4 ♖b8 32.♖c1 ♕a5+ 33.♕xa5 ♘xa5 34.♔e1 ♘b3

34...fxg4 35.♖xg4 ♖b2 36.♖g7+ ♔d8±

35.♖b1 fxg4

35...♖ab4 36.gxf5 exf5 37.♖d1 ♔e6 38.♘h4 ♖g8 39.♘xf5+-

36.♖xg4+- ♖ab4

36...♖bb4 37.♔f1 ♔e7 38.♖g7+ ♔d8 39.♖g6 ♘xd4 40.♖xb4 ♖xb4 41.♘xd4 ♖xd4 42.♖xe6+-

37.♖g7+ ♔c8 38.♖h7 ♖8b6 39.♖d1 ♖c6 40.♖xh6 ♔d7 41.♖h7+ ♔e8 42.h6 ♖c3 43.♖h8+ ♔e7 44.♘g5 ♘xd4 45.h7 ♘c2+ 46.♔d2 1-0

96.* [C02]
Shirov, Alexei (2684) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2787)
Zuerich (rapid) 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♕b6 6.a3 ♘h6 7.b4 cxd4 8.♗xh6 gxh6 9.cxd4 ♗d7 10.♖a2 ♖g8 11.h3 h5

11...♖c8 12.♖c2 ♗e7 13.g3 a6 14.♗e2 f6 15.♕d3N (15.♔f1 fxe5 (15...♔d8?!) (15...♖f8 16.exf6 ♗xf6 17.♖c5 ♗e7=) 16.♘xe5 (16.dxe5 ♖f8 17.♕c1 ♔d8!∞) 16...♘xe5 (16...♘xd4? 17.♗h5+ ♔d8 18.♘f7++-) 17.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 18.dxe5 a5∞) 15...♖g7 (15...fxe5 16.♘xe5 (16.♕xh7 ♖f8 17.dxe5 ♘d4 18.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 19.♘xd4 ♕xd4 20.O-O ♕xe5 21.♗g4∞) 16...♘xe5 17.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 18.dxe5 a5∞) 16.♘bd2?! (16.O-O ♔f8 (16...fxe5!?) 17.♕e3 ♔g8∞) 16...fxe5 17.dxe5 (17.♘xe5 ♘xd4 18.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 19.♗h5+ ♔d8∓) 17...♔f8! 18.♘b3 ♔g8 19.♘c5? (19.♘bd4 a5∓) 19...♘xb4! 20.axb4 ♕xb4+ 21.♔f1 ♖xc5-+ Sveshnikov, E (2504) -Vitiugov, N (2721) Tallinn (rapid) 127/(96) 2016

12.g3

12.♖c2 - 123/94

12...h4 13.g4 ♗e7 14.♗e2 f6 15.b5N

15.♕d3

15...♘d8

15...♘xd4!? 16.♕xd4 ♕xd4 17.♘xd4 fxe5 18.♘b3 e4⯹

16.♕d3 ♖g7 17.♘c3?!

17.exf6 ♗xf6 18.♕e3 ♘f7⇄

17...♘f7 18.O-O?!

18.exf6 ♗xf6 19.♕e3 ♕d6 20.a4 ♖c8∓

18...h5

18...fxe5! 19.♘xe5 (19.dxe5?! h5-+) 19...♘xe5 20.dxe5 ♖c8 21.♘d1 ♗g5∓

19.♘a4 ♕d8 20.exf6 ♗xf6 21.♘c5

21.♘h2 hxg4 (21...b6 22.♔h1 ♖c8∓) 22.♗xg4 (22.hxg4 ♘d6∓) 22...♗e7∓

21...hxg4 22.hxg4 b6

22...♖xg4+?! 23.♔h1 ♖g7 24.♖e1 b6 25.♘xd7 ♕xd7 26.♗f1⯹

23.♘xd7 ♕xd7 24.♔h1 ♖c8?!

24...♕d6 25.♖g1 ♕f4∓

25.♖c2 ♖xc2 26.♕xc2 ♘d6 27.♘e5 ♗xe5 28.dxe5 ♘e4 29.♔g2 ♘c5 30.♖h1

30.♔h3 d4 31.♗d3 ♕d5 32.f4∞

30...♕e7 31.♕c1 ♖h7 32.♕e3 ♕g7 33.♖c1 ♕f8 34.a4

34.f3 ♖d7 35.♕g5 ♖g7 36.♕xh4 ♕f4 37.♕h8+ ♔f7 38.♕h5+ ♖g6 39.♕h7+=

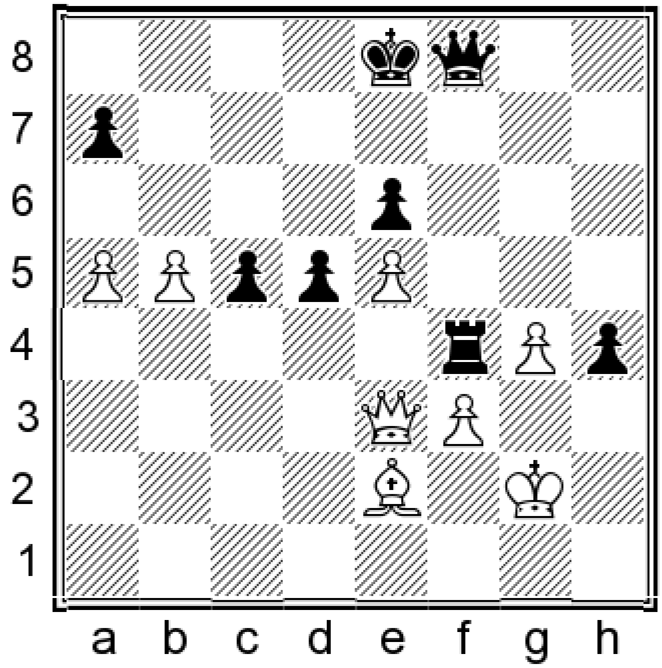
34...♖f7 35.f3

35.a5 ♖f4 36.axb6 axb6 37.♖a1 ♕h6 38.♖a8+ ♔f7 39.♖a7+ ♔g8 (39...♔g6 40.♗d3+ ♘xd3 41.♕xd3+ ♖e4 42.♕f3 ♖f4 (42...♕f4 43.♕xf4 ♖xf4 44.f3 d4 45.♖d7 ♔g5 46.♖g7+=) 43.♕d3+=) 40.♖a8+=

35...♖f4 36.♖xc5?

36.♖h1 ♕h6 (36...d4) 37.♕f2 ♕g5 38.♕xh4 ♕xe5 39.♕h8+ ♕xh8 40.♖xh8+ ♔e7 41.a5! bxa5 42.♖c8 ♘b3 43.♖c7+ ♔f6 44.♔g3∞

36...bxc5-+ 37.a5



37...h3+! 38.♔g3

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38...h2!

38...h2 39.♔xh2 ♕h6+ 40.♔g2 ♖xg4+-+0-1

97.* [C03]
Short, Nigel D (2684) - Harika, Dronavalli (2511)
Gibraltar 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗e7 4.e5 c5 5.♕g4 ♔f8

5...g6 6.dxc5 ♘c6 (6...♘d7 - 96/194) 7.♘gf3 h5 8.♕f4 g5 9.♕e3 ♘h6 10.♘b3N (10.♗b5) 10...♘f5 11.♕d2 g4 12.♘fd4 ♘fxd4 13.♘xd4 ♘xe5 14.b3 ♘c6∞ Pichot, A (2517) -Escalante Ramirez, B (2331) Antofagasta 127/(97) 2016 (14...♗xc5 15.♗b2 f6 16.O-O-O ♗d7 17.f4 gxf3 18.gxf3⯹)

6.dxc5 h5

6...♘c6 - 94/197

7.♕e2 ♗xc5N

7...♘d77...♘a6

8.♘b3 b6

8...♗b6 9.♘f3 ♘c6 10.♗f4 ♘ge7 11.O-O-O∞

9.♘h3 ♕c7 10.♗f4 ♘e7 11.O-O-O ♘g6 12.♔b1 ♘c6 13.♖e1 a5! 14.♘xc5 bxc5 15.♕e3 c4?!

15...♕b6! 16.♕b3 (16.♕c3 ♗a6 17.♗xa6 ♖xa6 18.♗c1 d4∓) 16...♕b4∓

16.♕c5+ ♔g8 17.♗c1 a4 18.f4 ♘ge7 19.♘g5 ♘f5 20.♖d1

20.a3 ♗d7 21.g3 ♕b7 22.c3 ♖c8∓

20...♖a5?!

20...♗d7 21.♗d2 ♕b7 22.♘f3 ♖b8↑

21.♕f2

21.♕a3 ♘cd4 22.♘f3 ♘b3! 23.♗e2 (23.axb3? axb3 24.♕b4 ♕a7 25.cxb3 cxb3 26.♕xb3 ♗d7-+) 23...♗d7↑

21...♖b5

21...♗a6 22.c3 a3 23.bxa3 d4∓

22.c3?!

22.♔a1 ♗a6 23.g3 ♖b8 24.c3 a3↑

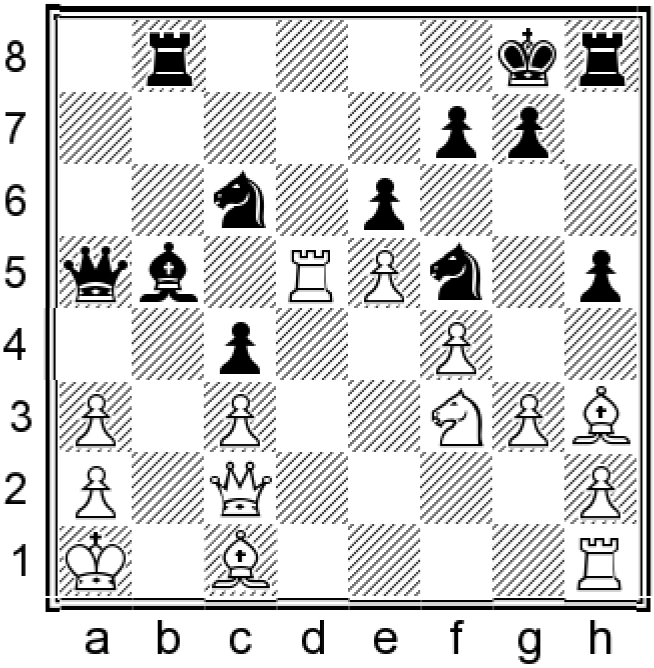
22...♕a5∓ 23.♕c2 ♖b8

23...a3! 24.b3 cxb3 25.axb3 ♖c5 26.♕a2 ♖xc3! 27.♗d2 d4∓

24.♔a1 ♗a6 25.♘f3 ♕b5?!

25...a3! 26.b4 (26.bxa3 ♗b5-+) 26...cxb3 27.axb3 ♗xf1 28.♖hxf1 ♕c5∓

26.g3 a3 27.bxa3 ♕a5 28.♗h3 ♗b5!-+ 29.♖xd5?!



29.♖de1 ♗a4 30.♕d2 ♘fd4! 31.♘xd4 (31.cxd4 c3 32.♕e2 ♕b6 33.♗e3 c2-+) 31...♘xd4 32.♕xd4 ♕b5-+

29...♗a4! 30.♕d2

30.♖xa5 ♗xc2-+

30...♕xd5 31.♕xd5 ♗c2! 0-1

98. [C07]
Carlsson, Pontus (2430) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2660)
Gibraltar 2016 [Carlsson, Pontus]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 c5 4.exd5 ♕xd5 5.♘gf3 cxd4 6.♗c4 ♕d6 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♘b3 ♘c6 9.♘bxd4 ♘xd4 10.♘xd4 a6 11.♖e1 ♕c7 12.♕e2 ♗c5 13.c3 h6 14.♘f5! ♔f8!

14...O-O?! 15.♘xh6+! gxh6 16.♗xh6→

15.♘d4

15.♘g3 h5! 16.♘e4 ♘g4 17.g3 ♗a7⇄ - 121/(88)

15...e5! 16.♘c2!?N

16.♕xe5 ♗d6 17.♕e2 ♗xh2+ 18.♔h1 (18.♔f1 ♗g4 19.♕d3∞ (19.f3? ♘h5 20.♕d3 ♘g3+ 21.♔f2 ♗f5 22.♕e3 ♕xc4 23.♕e7+ ♔g8 24.♕h4 ♘f1 25.♖xf1 ♗d3 26.♖e1 ♗c7∓)) 18...♗g4 19.♕f1 (19.♕d3 ♗d6∞) 19...♗e5 20.♗b3 h5! 21.♗g5 h4 22.♕d3 h3 23.g3 ♗xd4 24.cxd4 ♕c6+ 25.d5 ♕b6 26.♖e3 ♖h5 27.♗xf6 ♕xf6 28.♖f1 ♖e5 29.♖xe5 ♕xe5∞

16...♗g4!

16...♘g4? 17.♗e3! ♗xe3 (17...e4?? 18.♗xc5+ ♔g8 19.♕xe4+-) 18.♘xe3 ♘xe3 19.fxe3±

17.♕f1 b5 18.♗b3 g6 19.♗e3

19.a4 ♗d7 20.axb5 ♗xb5 21.c4 ♗c6 22.♗e3 ♗xe3 23.♘xe3 ♖b8 24.♖a3 ♔g7=

19...♔g7 20.f3

20.h3!? ♗f5 21.♕e2 ♗xc2 22.♗xc2 ♖he8 23.♖ad1∞

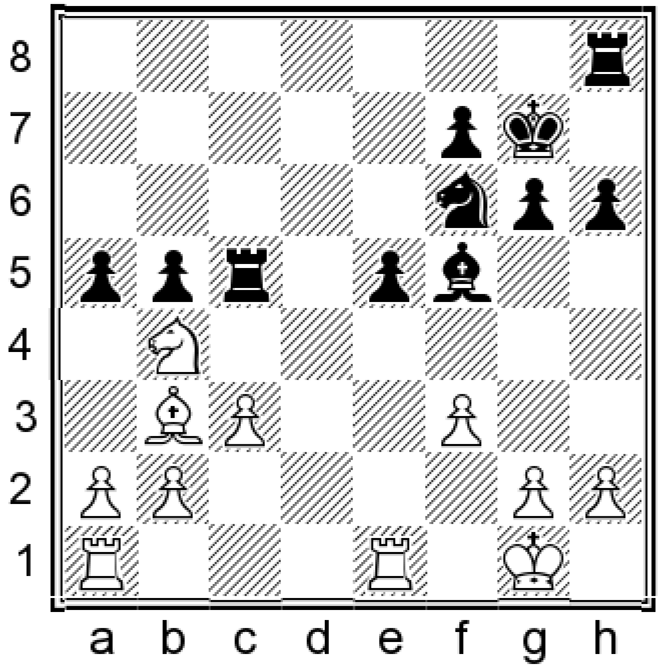
20...♗f5 21.♕f2 ♖ac8?!

21...♗xe3! 22.♘xe3 ♗d3∞

22.♗xc5 ♕xc5 23.♕xc5 ♖xc5 24.♘b4!?

24.♘e3! ♗c8 25.♖ad1 a5 26.a3 a4 27.♗a2 e4 28.fxe4 ♘xe4 29.♘c2 ♖e8 30.♖d5! ♖xd5 31.♗xd5 ♘d6 32.♖xe8 ♘xe8 33.♔f2± ∆ Ke3-d4-c5

24...a5



25.g4! ♗c8?

25...axb4? 26.cxb4 ♖c2 27.♗xc2 ♗xc2 28.♖ac1 ♗d3 29.♖xe5±25...e4! 26.gxf5 axb4 27.fxe4 (27.fxg6 ♖g5+ 28.♔f2 fxg6 29.cxb4 ♖f8 30.h3 ♖h5 31.♔g3 ♖g5+ 32.♔f2 ♖h5=) 27...bxc3 28.e5 ♘e4! 29.f6+ ♔h7 30.bxc3 ♖xe5 31.h4=

26.♘d3 ♖c7 27.♘xe5 a4 28.♗xf7!

28.♗c2? ♖e8 29.a3 (29.♘d3? a3!⇄) (29.♔f2 a3 30.bxa3 ♖c5 31.♘d3 ♖xc3 32.♖xe8 ♘xe8 33.♘e1 ♖xa3 34.♗b3=) 29...♖ce7 30.♘d3 ♖e2∓

28...♖xf7 29.♘xf7 ♔xf7 30.♖ad1±

30.♖e5 ♗d7 31.♖ae1 ♖e8 32.♔f2±

30...♗e6 31.♖d6?!

31.♖e5 ♖b8 32.a3±

31...♗xa2 32.♖b6 ♖d8 33.♖xb5 ♖d7

33...♖d2 34.♖b7+ ♔f8 35.h4!±

34.♖b4 ♗b3 35.♔f2 g5 36.♖d4 ♖xd4 37.cxd4 ♘d5 38.♔e2 ♘f4+ 39.♔d2 ♗d5 40.♖e3 ♘e6 41.♖e5 ♘f4 42.h4 ♔f6

42...gxh4?? 43.♔e3 ♘g2+ 44.♔f2 ♘f4 45.♖f5++-

43.hxg5+ hxg5 44.♔e3 ♘g2+ 45.♔f2 ♘f4 46.♔e3 1/2-1/2

99. [C11]
Kokarev, Dmitry (2619) - Korobov, Anton (2710)
Moscow 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

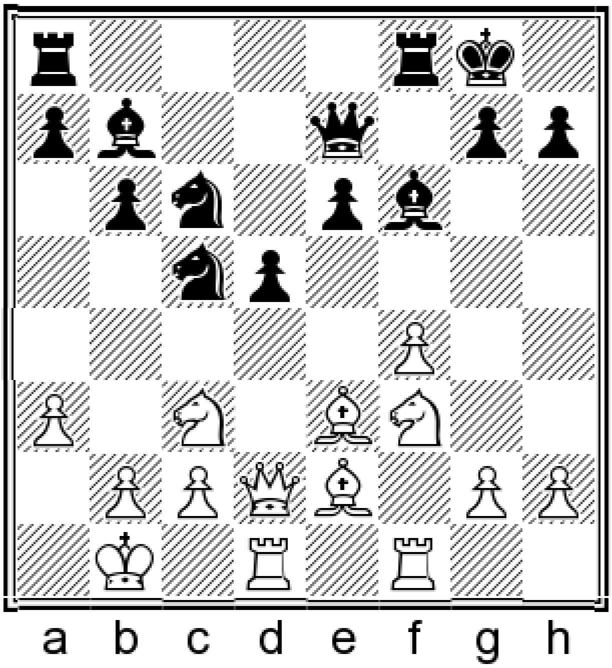
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.dxc5 ♘xc5 9.♕d2 O-O 10.a3

10.O-O-O - 121/89

10...b6 11.♗e2 f5N

11...♗b7

12.exf6 ♗xf6 13.O-O-O ♗b7 14.♖hf1 ♕e7 15.♔b1



15...d4! 16.♘xd4

16.♗xd4 ♘xd4 17.♘xd4 ♗xg2 18.♖g1 ♘e4 19.♘xe4 ♗xe4 20.♕e3 ♗xd4 21.♕xd4 ♗f5=

16...♖fd8 17.♘xc6 ♗xc6 18.♕e1 ♗xg2 19.♖g1 ♗h3

19...♗c6 20.♗c4 ♖xd1+ 21.♕xd1 ♖d8 22.♕e2 ♗d5∞ (22...♘e4 23.♘xe4 ♗xe4=)

20.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 21.♗g4

21.b4 ♘d7 22.♘e4 ♗f5 23.♗d3 ♗xe4 24.♗xe4 a5∞

21...♗xg4 22.♖xg4 ♕b7

22...♕d7 23.♖g2 ♘a4 24.♘xa4 ♕xa4 25.♖d2=

23.♗xc5 bxc5 24.♕xe6+ ♔h8 25.♖g3 h6=∞ 26.♔a2

26.♕e4 ♖d1+! 27.♔a2 ♕f7+ 28.b3 ♖c1=∞

26...♕b8

26...♖b8! 27.b3 ♕h1 28.♖h3 ♗d4∞

27.♖d3 ♖xd3 28.cxd3 ♕xf4

28...♗xc3 29.bxc3 ♕xf4=

29.♘d5

29.♕e8+ ♔h7 30.♘d5 ♕f2 31.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 32.♕e4+ ♔h8 33.♕a8+ ♔h7 34.♕xa7 ♕e6+ 35.♔b1 ♕e1+=

29...♕e5 30.♕c8+ ♔h7 31.♘xf6+ gxf6=

31...♕xf6? 32.♕xc5±

32.♕b7+ ♔g6 33.♕xa7 [Q 4/f] **33...♕d5+ 34.♔a1 f5**

34...♕h1+ 35.♔a2 ♕d5+=

35.a4?!

35.♕c7 ♕xd3 36.♕c6+ ♔g5 37.♕xc5 ♔g4 38.♕g1+ ♔h3 39.♕f2=

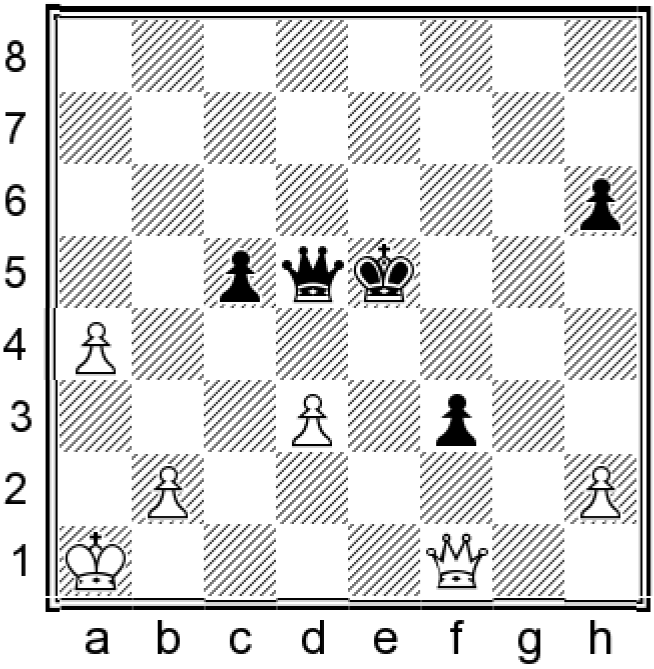
35...f4 36.♕c7?!

36.a5 f3 37.♕b8 ♕xd3 38.♕f4 ♕f5 39.♕g3+ ♔f6 40.♕f2 ♕d3 41.♕xc5 ♕f5 42.♕f2 ♕xa5+ 43.♔b1=

36...f3 37.♕g3+ ♔f5 38.♕h3+

38.a5 ♕xd3 39.♔a2 ♕c4+ 40.♔b1 ♕e2-+

38...♔e5 39.♕f1



39...c4! 40.dxc4 ♕e4 41.♕f2 ♕e2-+ 42.♕c5+ ♔e4 43.♕d5+ ♔e3 44.♕e5+ ♔d3 45.♕d5+ ♔c2 0-1

100.* [C11]
Areshchenko, Alexander (2672) - Volkov, Sergey (2592)
Romania 2015 [Arsovic, Zoran]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.♕d2 b6

8...O-O - 121/(89)

9.♗e2 ♗b7 10.♘d1 cxd4 11.♘xd4 O-O 12.O-O ♘c5 13.♘f2 ♖c8 14.c3 ♘xd4

14...♗a6

15.♗xd4 ♕d7N

15...♗a6? 16.♗xc5+-15...♕c7 - 127/(100) 16.b4 ♘d7 (16...♘e4 17.♘xe4 dxe4 18.♕e3±) 17.♘g4 f5 18.exf6 ♘xf6 19.♕e3! ♘e4 20.♗d3 ♗d6 21.♘e5± Areshchenko, A (2672) -Wang, H (2712) Romania 127/(100) 2015

16.♕e3 ♗a6 17.♗xa6 ♘xa6 18.♘g4± ♔h8

18...♘c5 19.♘f6+ ♗xf6 (19...gxf6? 20.♕g3+ ♔h8 21.exf6+-) 20.exf6±18...♗c5 19.♖f3 ♕b5 20.b3±

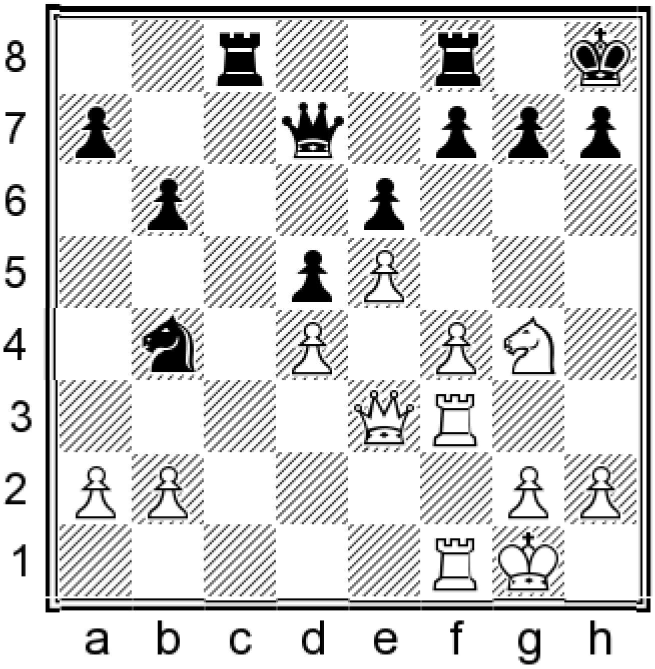
19.♖f3!

19.f5!? exf5 20.♘h6! ♘c5 21.♘xf5 ♘e6 (21...♕e6 22.♕g3 ♖g8 23.♕f3±) 22.♖ad1±

19...♗c5

19...♘c5? 20.♘f6! gxf6 (20...♗xf6 21.exf6+-) 21.exf6 ♗d6 22.♖h3 ♖fd8 (22...♖g8 23.♖xh7+! ♔xh7 24.♕h3+ ♔g6 25.♕g4+ ♔h6 26.♕h4+ ♔g6 27.♕g5+ ♔h7 28.♕h5#) 23.f5 ♗f8 24.♕g5+-19...♕b5 20.b4±19...f5 20.exf6 ♗xf6 21.♘xf6 gxf6 22.♖e1±

20.♖af1 ♗xd4 21.cxd4± ♘b4



22.f5! ♘c2

22...exf5?! 23.♘f6! gxf6 (23...♕e6 24.♖h3+-) 24.♕h6 ♖g8 25.♖h3 ♖g7 26.exf6+-

23.♕g5+- f6

23...exf5 24.♘f6 ♕a4 25.♖h3 ♕xd4+ 26.♔h1+-

24.fxe6

24.exf6 gxf6 (24...exf5 25.♘e5 gxf6 26.♘xd7 fxg5 27.♘xf8 ♘xd4 28.♖3f2 ♖xf8 29.♖d2+-) 25.♘xf6 (25.fxe6 ♕xe6 - 24.fe6) 25...♕e7 26.fxe6 ♕xe6 27.♕h4+-

24...♕xe6 25.exf6 gxf6 26.♖xf6 ♖xf6 27.♖xf6

27.♘xf6 ♘xd4 28.♕h6 ♕f7 29.♕d2 ♘c6 30.♘xd5±

27...♖g8 28.♖xe6 ♖xg5 [R 9/h] **29.♘e5 ♖f5**

29...♔g7 30.♖e7+ ♔f6 31.♖xh7 ♘xd4 32.♘d3±

30.♘c6 ♖f4

30...a5 31.♖e2 ♘b4 32.♘xb4 axb4 33.♖e5+-

31.g3 ♖f3 32.♖e2! ♘e3 33.♖f2+- ♖xf2 34.♔xf2 ♘d1+

34...♘g4+ 35.♔f3 ♘xh2+ 36.♔f4 a5 37.b4+-

35.♔e2 ♘xb2 36.♘xa7 ♔g7 37.♘c8 ♘a4 38.♘e7 ♘c3+ 39.♔d2 ♘e4+ 40.♔e3 ♘c3 41.♔d3 ♘xa2 42.♘xd5 ♘c1+

42...b5 43.♔c2 b4 44.♔b3+-

43.♔c4 b5+ 44.♔xb5 ♘b3 45.♔c4 ♘d2+ 46.♔d3 ♘f1 47.♘e3 ♘xh2 48.♔e2 ♔f6 49.♔f2 ♔g5 50.d5

50.♔g2 ♘g4 51.♘xg4 ♔xg4 52.♔f2+-

50...h5 51.♔g2 ♘g4 52.♘xg4 hxg4 53.♔f2 ♔f5 54.♔e3 ♔e5 55.d6 1-0

101.* [C11]
Sethuraman, SP. (2651) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2651)
India (ch) 2015 [Pikula, Dejan]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.♕d2 O-O 9.dxc5 ♘xc5 10.O-O-O a6 11.h4

11.♕f2 b6 12.♔b1 (12.g4 - 121/89) 12...♕c7 13.♗d3 ♘b4N (13...f6) 14.♕g3 f5 15.♕h3 ♘bxd3 16.cxd3 a5 17.g4↑ Ponomariov, R (2710) -Ganguly, S (2652) Berlin (rapid) 127/(101) 2015

11...♕a5N

11...b5

12.♔b1 b5 13.♗d3 b4 14.♘e2 ♘xd3 15.♕xd3 ♕b5! 16.♕d2 a5 17.♘ed4 ♘xd4 18.♘xd4 ♕c4 19.g4 f6 20.exf6 ♗xf6 21.h5 a4 22.h6 g6 23.♖he1 ♗d7

23...e5 24.fxe5 ♗xe5

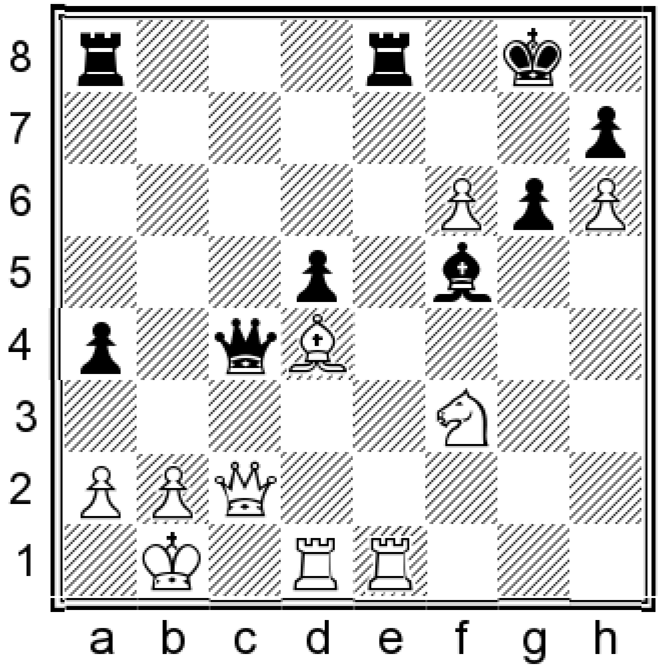
24.♗f2 ♖fe8 25.♘f3 b3 26.♗d4 e5! 27.fxe5

27.♘xe5 ♗xe5 28.♗xe5 ♗xg4 29.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 30.♖xd5 ♗f5∓

27...♗xg4?

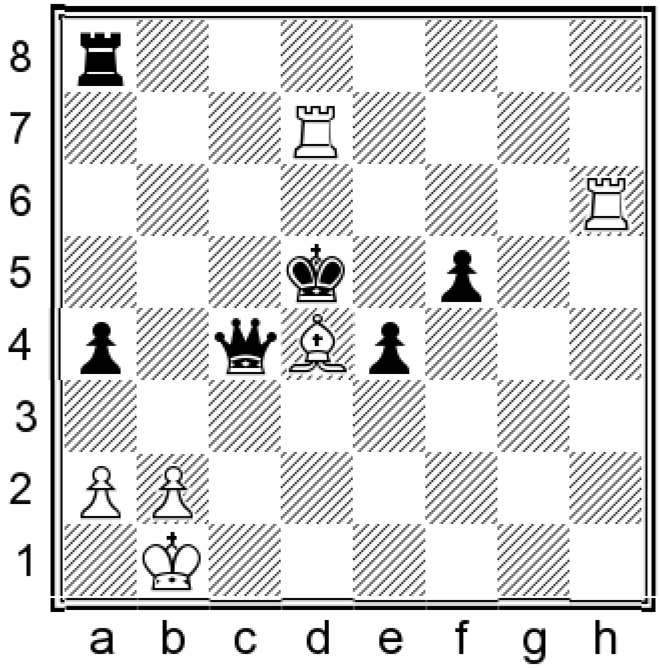
27...bxc2+ 28.♕xc2 ♕xc2+ 29.♔xc2 ♗d8 30.e6 (30.♖g1 ♖f8 31.♖g3 ♖f4∓) 30...♖xe6 (30...♗xe6 31.♔b1 ♗c7∓) 31.♘e5 ♖c8+ 32.♗c3 ♗h4∓

28.exf6 bxc2+ 29.♕xc2 ♗f5



30.♕xf5! gxf5 31.♖g1+?

31.♘g5 ♔f8 (31...♖e4 32.f7+ ♔f8 - 31...Kf8) 32.f7 ♖e4 (32...♖xe1 33.♖xe1 ♕d3+ 34.♔a1 ♕xd4 35.♘e6+ ♔xf7 36.♘xd4+-) 33.♘xh7+ ♔xf7 34.♘g5+ ♔g6 35.♘xe4 dxe4 36.h7! ♔xh7 37.♖h1+ ♔g8 (37...♔g6 38.♖dg1+ ♔f7 39.♖g7+ ♔e6 40.♖h6+ ♔d5 41.♖d7#) 38.♖h8+ ♔f7 39.♖xa8+-



31...♔f8 32.♘g5 ♖e2!= 33.♘xh7+ ♔e8

33...♔f7 34.♖g7+ ♔e6 35.♘g5+ ♔d6 36.♘f7+ ♔e6 37.♘g5+= (37.♖c1 ♕d3+ 38.♔a1 ♖c2 39.♘g5+ ♔d6 40.♘f7+=)

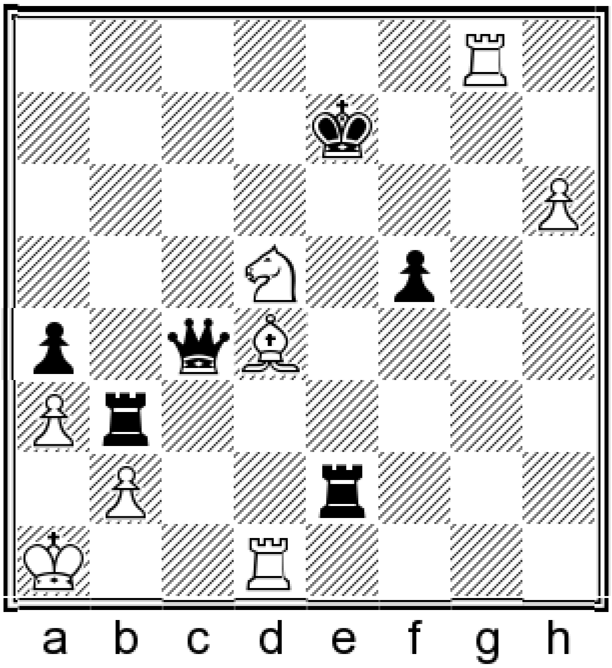
34.a3

34.f7+ ♔xf7 35.♖g7+ ♔e6 36.♘g5+ ♔d6 37.♘f7+ ♔e6 38.♘g5+=

34...♖b8 35.♔a1 ♖b3 36.f7+ ♔xf7 37.♖g7+ ♔e8 38.♘f6+ ♔d8 39.♖g8+?

39.♗b6+ ♔c8 (39...♖xb6?! 40.h7 ♖h2 41.♖g8+ ♔e7 42.♘xd5+ ♕xd5 43.♖xd5 ♖xh7 44.♖xf5 ♖h1+ 45.♔a2 ♖h2 46.♖g7+ ♔e8 47.♖g8+=) 40.♖c7+ ♕xc7 41.♗xc7 ♔xc7 42.h7 ♖h2 43.♖xd5 ♖e3∓

39...♔e7 40.♘xd5+



40...♕xd5?

40...♔f7! 41.♖g7+ ♔f8 42.♘b4 ♖e1 (42...♖xa3+ 43.bxa3 ♕b3 44.♘c2 ♕xc2 45.♗c5+ ♕xc5 46.♖d8+ ♖e8-+) 43.♖xe1 ♕xd4 44.♖b1 (44.♖g2 ♖xa3+ 45.♔b1 ♕xb4+-) 44...♖xa3+ 45.♘a2 ♖b3-+

41.♗f6+ ♔xf6

41...♔f7 42.♖xd5 ♔xg8 43.♖xf5 ♖e6=

42.♖xd5 ♖exb2 43.♖g1

43.♖d1 ♖h2 44.♖f8+=

43...♖h2 44.♖f1 ♖xa3+ 45.♔b1 ♖b3+ 46.♔a1 ♖a3+ 47.♔b1 ♖b3+ 48.♔a1 ♖a3+ 1/2-1/2

102.* [C11]
Vovk, Andrey (2632) - Gopal, Geetha Narayanan (2522)
Cappelle-la-Grande 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♗e7 6.♗xf6 gxf6 7.♘f3 f5 8.♘c3 a6 9.g3

9.♕e2 b5 10.O-O-O b4 11.♘a4 ♕d5 12.b3 (12.♕c4 - 111/(130)) 12...♘d7 13.♕e3 ♖g8N (13...♗b7) 14.♖g1 ♗b7 15.♗c4 ♕e4 16.♕d2 ♕g4 17.h3 ♕h5 18.♗e2 ♕g6 19.♔b1 ♕f6∞ Libiszewski, F (2515) -Harikrishna, P (2755) Gibraltar 127/(102) 2016

9...b5 10.♗g2 ♗b7 11.O-O O-O 12.♘e5 ♗xg2 13.♔xg2 b4 14.♘a4 ♕d5+ 15.♕f3 ♕xf3+ 16.♔xf3 ♗d6N

16...♖d8

17.♖fd1 ♖d8?!

17...♗xe5! 18.dxe5 ♘c6 19.♔f4 ♖ab8 20.♖d7 (20.♘c5 ♖b5 21.♘d7 ♖c8 22.♖d3 ♘e7∞) 20...♖fc8 21.♖e1 ♖b5 22.h3 ♔f8 23.g4 fxg4 24.hxg4 ♘e7∞

18.♔e3 ♗xe5

18...♘d7 19.♘xd7 ♖xd7 20.♘c5 ♖dd8 (20...♗xc5?! 21.dxc5 ♖ad8 22.♖xd7 ♖xd7 23.a3±) 21.♘d3±18...f6 19.♘c4 ♘c6 20.♘xd6 ♖xd6 21.c3±

19.dxe5 ♘c6 20.f4± a5 21.♖d3

21.♘c5 ♖xd1 22.♖xd1 ♘e7 (22...♖d8 23.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 24.♔d4 ♘c6+ 25.♔c4+-) 23.♖a1! ♖b8 24.a3 bxa3 25.b3±21.c3 f6 22.exf6 ♔f7 23.cxb4 ♖xd1 (23...axb4?! 24.♖xd8 ♘xd8 25.b3 ♔xf6 26.♖c1±) 24.♖xd1 axb4 25.b3±

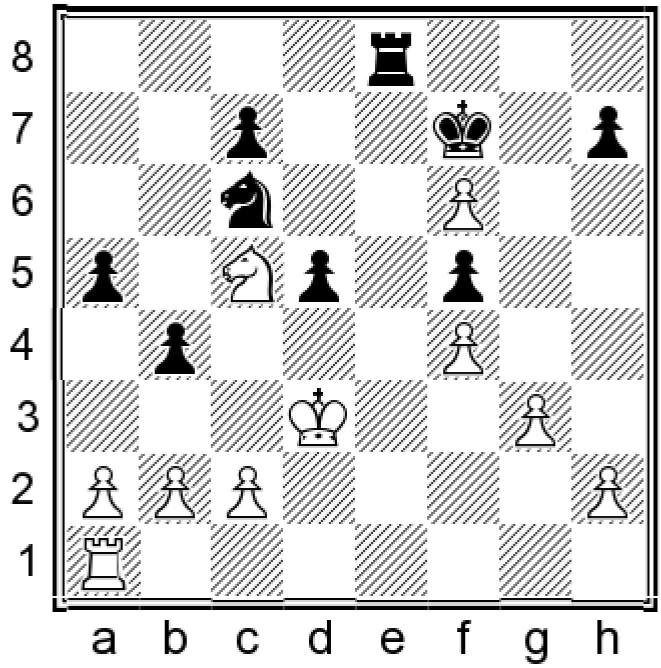
21...f6?!

21...♖xd3+ 22.cxd3 (22.♔xd3 ♖d8+ 23.♔e3 (23.♔c4?! ♖d2∓) 23...f6 24.exf6 ♔f7 25.c3±) 22...♘e7 23.♖c1 ♘d5+ 24.♔f3±

22.exf6 ♖d5

22...♔f7 23.♖ad1 ♔xf6 (23...♖xd3+ 24.♖xd3 ♔xf6 25.♖d7 ♘e7 26.♘c5±) 24.♖xd8 ♖xd8 (24...♘xd8 25.♖d7 ♖c8 26.c4±) 25.♖xd8 ♘xd8 26.♔d4±

23.♖xd5 exd5 24.♔d3 ♖e8 25.♘c5 ♔f7



26.♘a6! ♖e4

26...♖c8 27.♖e1 ♔xf6 28.♘c5 ♔f7 29.♖e6 ♘e7 30.♖h6+-

27.c3± bxc3 28.bxc3 d4 29.cxd4

29.♖c1 ♔xf6 30.♘xc7 dxc3 31.a3±

29...♖xd4+ 30.♔c3 ♔xf6 31.♘xc7 ♖e4 32.♖d1 ♘b4 33.a3 ♖e3+ 34.♔c4 ♖xa3 35.♖d6+ ♔f7 36.♖d7+ ♔g6 37.♘e6 h6

37...♖a2 38.♘f8+ ♔f6 39.♘xh7+ ♔g6 40.♘f8+±

38.♘d4+- ♖a2 39.♖d6+ ♔h5 40.♘xf5

40.h3! ♖d2 41.♖e6+-

40...♔g4 41.♘xh6+ ♔f3 42.f5 ♖xh2 43.♖g6 ♖h1 44.f6 ♘c6 45.♔d5 ♘d8 46.f7 ♖d1+ 47.♔c5 ♘xf7 48.♘xf7 a4 49.♔b4 ♖a1 50.g4 ♔g3 51.g5 a3 52.♔b3 a2 53.♖f6 ♔h4 54.g6 ♖g1 55.♔xa2 ♔h5 56.♘e5 ♔h6 57.♖f7 ♖g3 58.♔b2 1-0

103. [C14]
Tamosiunas, Tomas (2031) - Sedgwick, David (1973)
Hastings (Weekend Major) 2016 [Sulskis, Sarunas]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e5 ♘fd7 6.♗xe7 ♕xe7 7.f4 O-O 8.♘f3 c5 9.♗d3 f6

9...f5 - 48/(398)

10.dxc5 ♘xc5 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♔h1 ♗d7 13.♘e2N

13.♕d2 ♗e8 14.♖ae1 ♘xd3 15.cxd3 ♗g6⇄

13...♖ac8 14.♘ed4 ♘xd4 15.♘xd4 fxe5 16.fxe5 ♖xf1+ 17.♕xf1 ♖f8 18.♕e2 ♘xd3 19.cxd3 ♕h4 20.♘f3 ♕h6 21.♖f1 a6 22.h3 ♕g6 23.♕e3 ♗b5 24.♖d1 ♕g3 25.♖c1 ♕f4 26.♕xf4 ♖xf4 27.♘g5 ♗c6 28.♘xe6 ♖f2 29.♔g1 ♖xb2 30.♖f1! h6 31.♖f8+ ♔h7 32.g4 ♖e2?!

32...d4? 33.♘xd4 ♖xa2 34.e6±32...♖xa2 33.♖f7 (33.♖c8 g5) (33.h4 ♖a4 34.d4 ♗d7∞) (33.♘d4!?) 33...d4 34.♖xg7+ ♔h8∞

33.d4 ♖xa2 34.♖f7

34.♖c8 g5∞34.h4 ♗d7 35.♘f4 ♗xg4 36.e6±

34...♖d2 35.h4 a5 36.♖xg7+

36.h5? a4 37.♖xg7+ (37.♘f8+ ♔g8 38.♖f4 ♗e8-+ (38...g5 39.hxg6 ♗e8!∞) (38...♖xd4 39.♖xd4 ♔xf8∓)) 37...♔h8 38.♖f7 a3 39.♖f8+ ♔h7 40.♖f7+=

36...♔h8 37.♖f7

37.♖c7 a4 38.g5 hxg5 39.hxg5 ♗e8 40.♖c8 ♔h7! (40...a3? 41.g6!!+-) 41.♖xe8 a3

37...♔g8

37...a4 38.g5 hxg5 39.hxg5 a3 (39...♗e8 40.g6!!) 40.g6+-

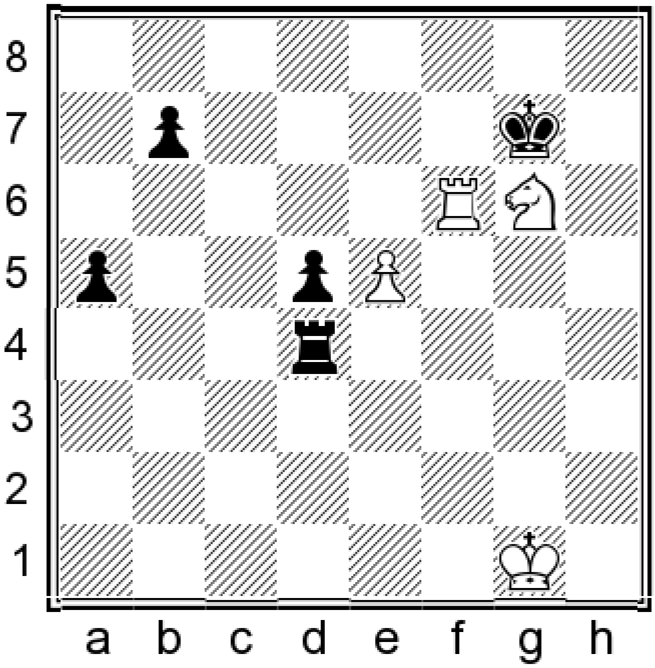
38.♖f6 ♔h7

38...a4 39.g5 hxg5 40.hxg5 ♗e8 (40...a3? 41.g6+-) 41.g6 ♗xg6 42.♖xg6+ ♔f7 43.♘f4 ♖xd4 44.♖f6+ ♔g8 45.e6+-

39.g5 hxg5 40.hxg5 ♗e8 41.g6+?!

41.♖h6+ ♔g8 42.g6 ♗d7∓41.♘c7! ♗g6 (41...♖xd4 42.♖h6+ ♔g8 43.♘xe8 ♖g4+ 44.♔f2 ♖xg5 45.e6 a4 46.♔f3 a3 47.♔f4 ♖g1 48.♖h2+-) 42.e6 ♖xd4 (42...♖c2 43.♘xd5 a4 44.e7 ♗e8 45.♖f8 ♗b5 46.♘f4+-) 43.e7 ♖e4 44.♘e6+-

41...♗xg6 42.♘f8+ ♔g7 43.♘xg6 ♖xd4?



43...a4 44.♘f4 (44.♘h4 a3 45.♖f1 a2 46.e6 ♖e2 47.e7 b5 48.♖a1 (48.♘f5+ ♔g6! 49.♘d6 b4! 50.e8=Q+ ♖xe8 51.♘xe8 b3-+) 48...♔f7 49.♔f1 ♖h2! (49...b4? 50.♔xe2 b3 51.♔d2! b2 52.♖e1!+-) (49...♖b2? 50.♖e1+-) 50.♘f3 ♖b2 (50...♖h1+ 51.♘g1=) 51.♖e1 ♔e8-+) 44...a3 45.♖b6 a2 46.♖xb7+ ♔h6 47.♖a7 ♖d1+ 48.♔f2 a1=Q 49.♖xa1 ♖xa1 50.♘xd5=

44.♘e7! ♖e4 45.♘f5+ ♔g8

45...♔h7 46.e6 a4 47.e7 a3 48.♖h6+ ♔g8 49.♖h3 a2 50.♖a3+-

46.e6+- a4 47.e7 a3 48.♖f8+ ♔h7 49.e8=Q ♖xe8 50.♖xe8 b5 51.♖b8 1-0

104. [C18]
Poetsch, Hagen (2509) - Sjodahl, Pontus (2404)
Stockholm 2015/16 [Berg, Emanuel]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♕a5!? 7.♗d2 ♕a4 8.♘f3 b6! 9.♗d3

9.c4 - 88/(270)

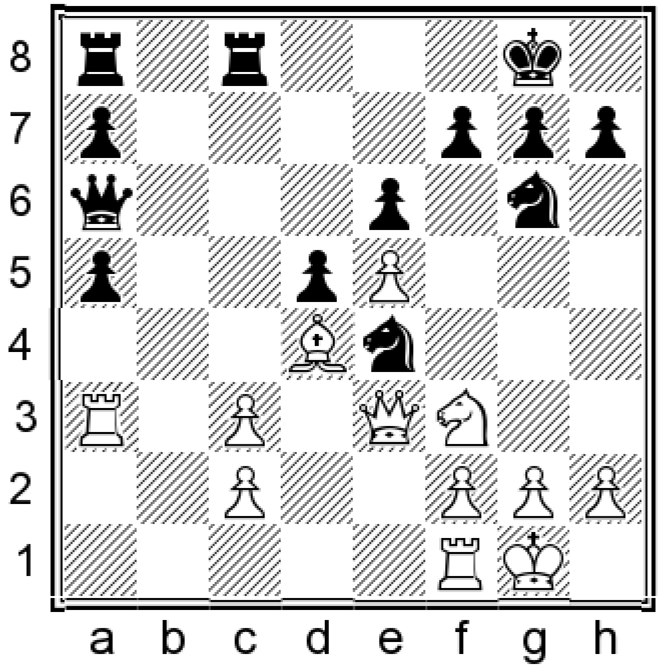
9...♗a6 10.O-O ♘e7 11.♗e3 ♘d7 12.♗xa6?! ♕xa6 13.a4N

13.dxc513.♘g5

13...O-O 14.a5 bxa5 15.dxc5 ♖fc8 16.♕c1 [∆ ♕a3] **16...♘g6 17.♗d4 ♘xc5 18.♖a3**

18.h4!?

18...♘e4 19.♕e3



19...♖c4! 20.♖fa1 a4 21.♘e1 ♕b5 22.f3

22.♘d3 ♖ac8∓

22...♘c5 23.♘d3 ♘d7 24.♖3a2 ♘b6 25.♕e1 h6 26.♘b2 ♖c7 27.♘xa4 ♘xa4! 28.♖xa4 a5 29.c4 ♖xc4 30.♖xa5 ♖xa5 31.♖xa5 ♕c6 32.c3 ♖a4! 33.♖xa4 ♕xa4 [Q 8/f] **34.♕b1 ♘f4 35.♕b8+ ♔h7 36.♕b1+ ♔g8 37.♕b8+ ♔h7 38.♕b1+ g6 39.♔f2 ♕c4 40.♕c2 ♔g7 41.g3 ♘d3+ 42.♔e3 ♘b4 43.♕d2 ♘c6 44.♔f2 ♕b3 45.♕f4 ♕c2+ 46.♔g1 ♕e2! 47.h4**

47.♕f6+ ♔g8 48.♕f4 RR ...g5! 49.♕f6 ♕d2∓

47...♔g8 48.♔h1 ♘e7! 49.♔g1 ♕e1+ 50.♔g2 ♘f5 51.♔h2 ♔f8 52.♗c5+ ♔g7 53.♗d4 ♔g8 54.♔g2 h5! 55.♔h2 ♕f1!-+ 56.g4

56.♗g1 ♕e2+ 57.♔h1 ♕e1-+

56...♘xh4 57.♔g3 ♘g2 58.♕d2 h4+ 59.♔h2 ♘e1 0-1

105. [C18]
Pichot, Alan (2517) - Cruz, Cristhian (2553)
Antofagasta 2016 [Berg, Emanuel]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♕a5 7.♗d2 ♕a4 8.♕b1!? c4

8...a6 9.♕b3 ♕xb3 10.cxb3±

9.h4! ♘c6 10.h5 h6

10...♗d7!? 11.h6 ♘xh6 12.♗xh6 gxh6 Δ 0-0-0

11.♘e2!?

11.♘f311.g3 - 97/194

11...♘ge7 12.♖h3 ♗d7 13.♖f3N

13.♖g313.g4

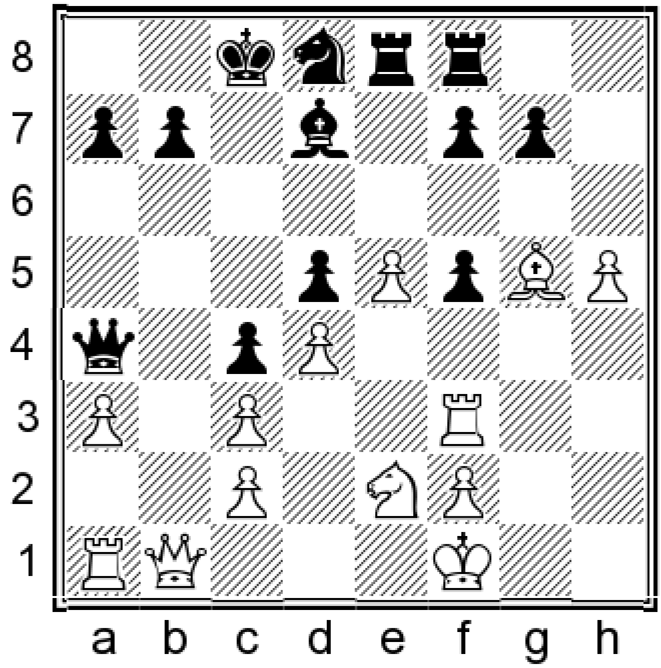
13...♖f8 14.g4! O-O-O 15.g5 ♘f5 16.♗h3 hxg5

16...♘ce7!?

17.♗xf5! exf5 18.♗xg5 ♖de8 19.♔f1

19.♔d2!?

19...♘d8?



19...♘b8!∞

20.♗xd8! ♖xd8 21.♘f4 ♖h8 22.♔e2! ♗e6 23.♖g3 ♖h7 24.♔d2 ♕e8 25.♕g1 ♕h8 26.♕g2 g6!? 27.hxg6 ♖h4 28.♖h3! ♖xh3 29.♕xh3 ♕xh3 30.♘xh3 fxg6 31.♘g5

31.♘g5 ♖e8 32.♖h1 f4 33.♖h6 ♗f5 34.♘f7+-1-0

106. [C18]
Radjabov, Teimour (2739) - Kovalenko, Igor (2694)
Reykjavik 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♕a5 7.♗d2 ♕a4 8.♕b1 c4 9.♘f3 ♘c6 10.h4

10.g3 - 71/(301)

10...♗d7 11.h5 h6 12.♗e2 O-O-O 13.♘h4 ♘ge7 14.♕c1 ♖df8N

14...♔b8

15.♗f4?! ♕a5 16.♗d2 g5! 17.♘f3?!

17.hxg6 fxg6 18.a4 g5 19.♘f3 ♘g6 20.♖b1 ♔b8∞

17...f6 18.exf6 ♖xf6 19.O-O ♕c7 20.♘h2 ♘f5∓ 21.♘g4 ♖ff8 22.♕b2 ♘d6 23.♖ae1 ♘e4 24.♗c1 ♗e8

24...♘f6! 25.♘xf6 ♖xf6 26.♗g4 ♖e8 27.a4 e5∓

25.♘e3?!

25.♗xc4 ♗xh5 26.♖xe4 dxe4 27.♗xe6+ ♔b8 28.♘e3⯹

25...♘f6∓ 26.g4

26.♘g4 ♘xh5 27.♘e5 ♘f6∓

26...♘e4 27.♘g2 ♖f6 28.♗d1

28.♗xc4 ♘xf2 29.♖xf2 ♖xf2 30.♔xf2 dxc4 31.♔g1 ♕g3∓

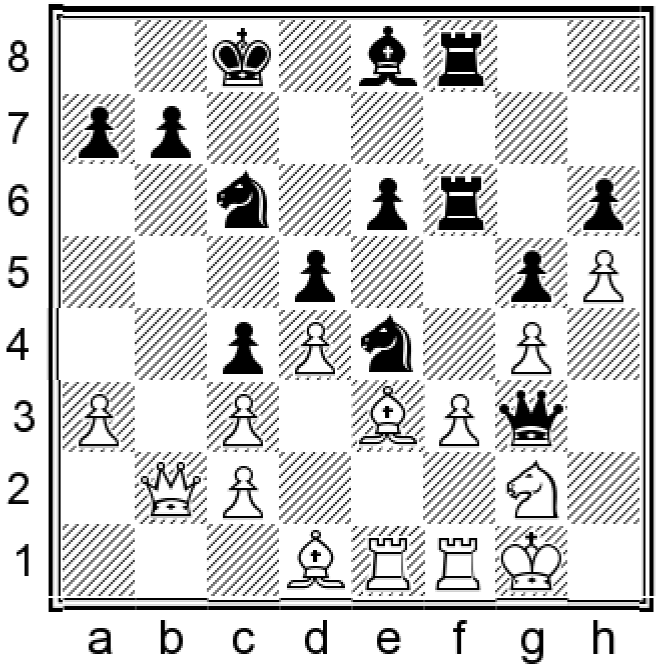
28...♖hf8 29.f3

29.♗e3 ♗d7 30.f3 ♘g3 31.♖f2 ♕d6 32.♕c1 e5∓

29...♕g3!

29...♘g3 30.♖f2 b6∓

30.♗e3



30...♖xf3! 31.♗xf3 ♖xf3-+ 32.♖xf3 ♕xf3 33.♖f1 ♕xg4 34.♕a1

34.a4 ♘g3-+

34...♕xh5

34...♗xh5 35.♖f8+ ♘d8 36.♕f1 ♕h3-+

35.♖f8 ♔d7 36.♕e1 ♔e7 37.♖f1 ♕h3 38.♗f2 ♗h5 [Δ ♗f3] **0-1**

107.* [C41]
Salomon, Johan (2459) - Draskovic, Luka (2454)
Reykjavik 2015 [Milanovic, Danilo]

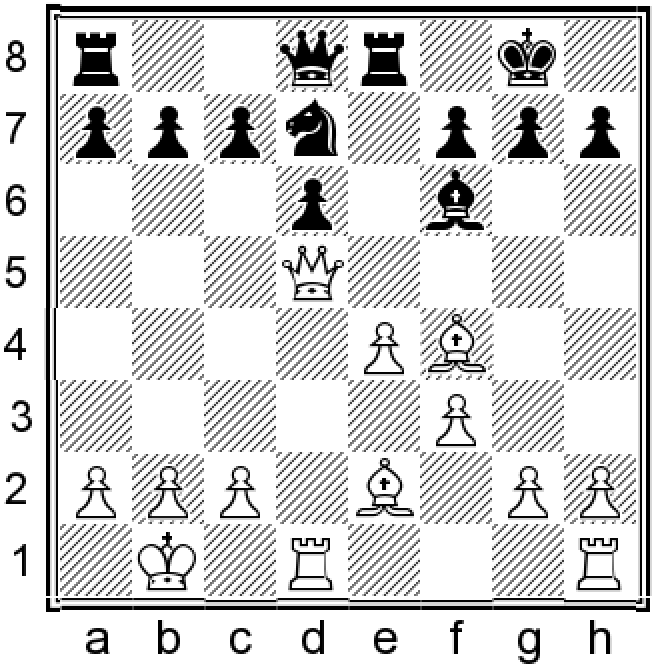
1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♘f3 exd4 5.♘xd4 ♗e7 6.♗e2 O-O 7.♗f4 ♖e8 8.♕d2 ♘c6 9.O-O-O

9.O-O - 92/283

9...♘xd4 10.♕xd4 ♗e6 11.♔b1N

11.f3 a6 12.♔b1N (12.g4) 12...c5 13.♕d2 b5 14.g4 b4 15.♘a4 ♗d7 16.b3 ♗xa4 17.bxa4 ♘d7 18.♗xd6 ♘b6 19.♕f4?! (19.♗e5 ♕xd2 (19...♘xa4 20.♕f4 ♕a5 21.♗c4 ♖f8⇄) 20.♖xd2 ♗g5 21.♖d6 ♘xa4 22.♗a1∞) 19...♗g5 20.♗xc5 ♗xf4 21.♖xd8 ♖exd8 22.♗xb6 ♖d2∓ Fier, A (2624) -Gelashvili, T (2570) Georgia 127/(107) 2015

11...♘d7 12.♘d5 ♗xd5 13.♕xd5 ♗f6 14.f3?



14.c3 ♘b6 15.♕d3 ♕e7 16.♗f3 (16.f3?! d5⇄) 16...♘d7!? 17.♖he1 ♘e5= (17...♖ab8!? Δ b5)14.♗e3 ♘b6 15.♗xb6 axb6 16.♗c4 ♕e7 17.♖he1 ♖a4 18.c3 (18.♗b3 c6 19.♕xd6 ♕xd6 20.♖xd6 ♖axe4 21.♖xe4 ♖xe4=) 18...c6 19.♕d3 g6 20.f3 d5∞

14...♗xb2! 15.♗c4

15.♗xd6 cxd6 16.♔xb2 ♘b6 17.♕b3 (17.♕xd6 ♘a4+→ Δ ♕a5) 17...♖c8∓

15...♗f6

15...♖f8!? 16.♕a5 ♗e5∓

16.♕xf7+ ♔h8 17.♗b3

17.♕d5 ♘c5 Δ ♘a4↑

17...a5 18.a4 b5 19.axb5 a4 20.♗d5?

20.♗c4 ♗e5 21.♗xe5 ♘xe5 22.♕d5 c6 23.♕d4 ♕a5→

20...♖e7 21.♕h5 ♖b8 22.c4

22.♗c6 ♘e5 23.♗xe5 ♖xe5-+22.♗c4 ♘b6 23.♗a2 (23.♗d5 a3 24.♔a2 (24.♗b3 g6 25.♕g4 a2+ 26.♗xa2 ♕e8 27.♖d3 ♖a8-+) 24...g6 25.♕h6 ♘xd5 26.♖xd5 c6 27.♖xd6 ♕g8+-+) 23...g6 24.♕g4 ♕e8-+

22...♘e5 23.♗xe5 ♖xe5 24.♕h3 c6! 25.♗xc6 ♕a5-+ 26.f4 ♖c5 27.e5 ♕b4+ 28.♔a2 ♕xc4+ 29.♔a3 ♖xc6 30.♖c1 ♕xb5 31.♖b1 ♕c5+ 0-1

108.* [C42]
Wei, Yi (2730) - Bromberger, Stefan (2521)
Doha 2015 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘d7 9.O-O-O c6 10.c4 ♘c5

10...♖e8 11.♗d3 ♘e5!?N (11...♘b6) 12.♘xe5 dxe5 13.♕e2 ♕a5 14.♔b1 f5 15.♗d2 ♕c7 16.f3 ♗f6 17.♗c3 ♗e6∞ Kryvoruchko, Y (2711) -Kuzubov, Y (2640) Ukraine (ch) 127/(108) 2015

11.♗xc5!? dxc5 12.♕f4N

12.♗d3

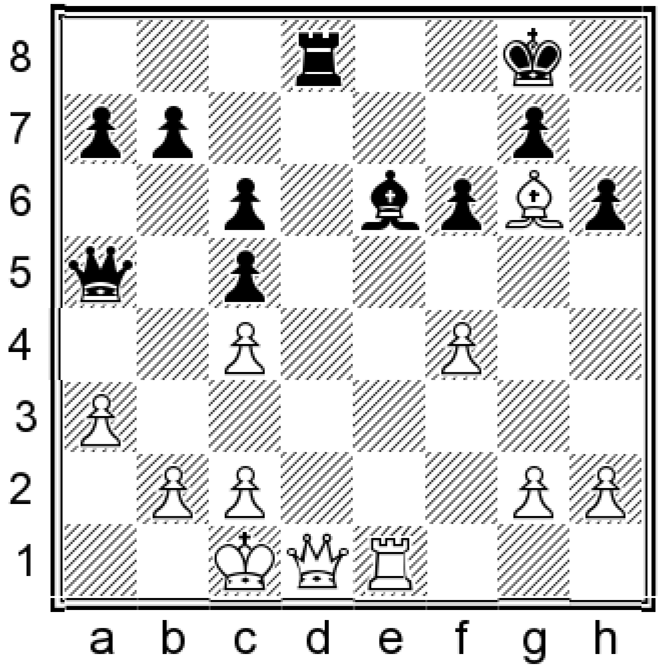
12...♕a5 13.♗d3 ♗f6

13...♕xa2? 14.♕e4+-

14.a3 ♗e6 15.♘g5 ♗xg5 16.♕xg5 ♖ad8 17.♖he1 ♖fe8 18.f4 h6 19.♕h5 f6?

19...♗c8 20.♕h4 ♕c7 21.f5 f6 22.h3 ♖xe1 23.♖xe1 ♔f8 24.♕f2 b6 25.♕e3 ♕d6 26.g4 ♗d7=

20.♗g6 ♖xd1+ 21.♕xd1 ♖d8



22.♖xe6!!

22.♕e2 ♗f7 23.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 24.♕e7+ ♔g8 25.♖e2±

22...♖xd1+ 23.♔xd1 ♕d8+ 24.♔e2 ♔f8 25.♔f3 ♕d7 26.♖e1 ♕d8 27.♔g4 ♕d7+ 28.♔h5 ♕d8 29.a4

29.♖e8+ ♕xe8 30.♗xe8 ♔xe8 31.♔g6 ♔f8 32.♔h7 ♔f7 33.h4 b5 34.b3 b4 35.a4 a5 36.g3! (36.g4 h5! (36...f5! 37.g5 h5=) 37.gxh5 f5 38.h6 g6 39.♔h8 ♔f8=) 36...♔f8 37.g4 ♔f7 38.g5+-

29...a5? 30.g4 ♕d7 31.h4 ♕d8 32.♖e8+! ♕xe8 33.♗xe8 ♔xe8 34.♔g6 ♔f8 35.♔h7 ♔f7 36.g5!

36.g5 hxg5 37.hxg5 fxg5 38.fxg5 ♔f8 39.g6+-1-0

109. [C42]

Bologan, Viktor (2630) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2720)
Reykjavik 2015 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 O-O 9.O-O-O ♗f5

9...♘e5 - 118/89

10.h3 ♕d7 11.♗d3 ♖ae8 12.♖he1N

12.♔b1

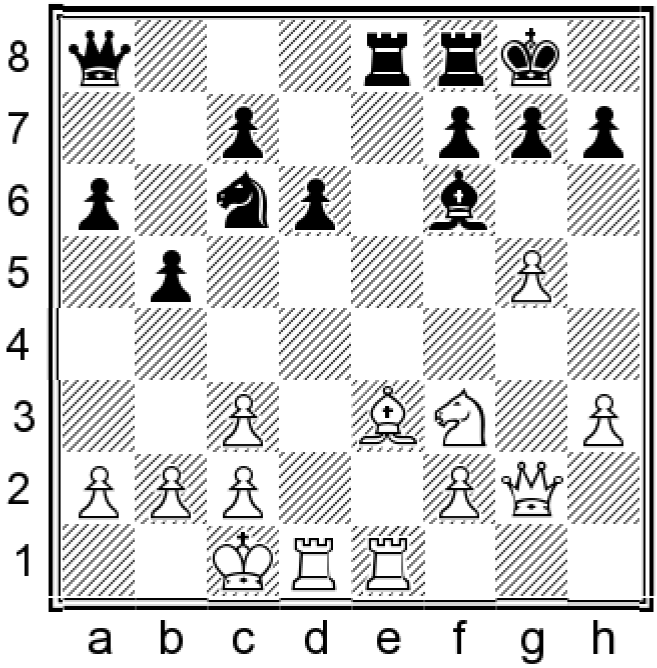
12...♗xd3 13.♕xd3 ♗f6 14.♕b5 ♕c8 15.g4

15.♔b1 ♖e7 16.g4 g6 17.♘d4 ♘xd4 18.♗xd4 ♕e8! 19.♕xe8 ♖fxe8 20.♖xe7 ♗xe7=

15...a6 16.♕f1 b5

16...♖e7 17.♕g2 ♖fe8= 18.g5 ♗e5 19.h4 ♕f5⇄

17.♕g2 ♕a8 18.g5



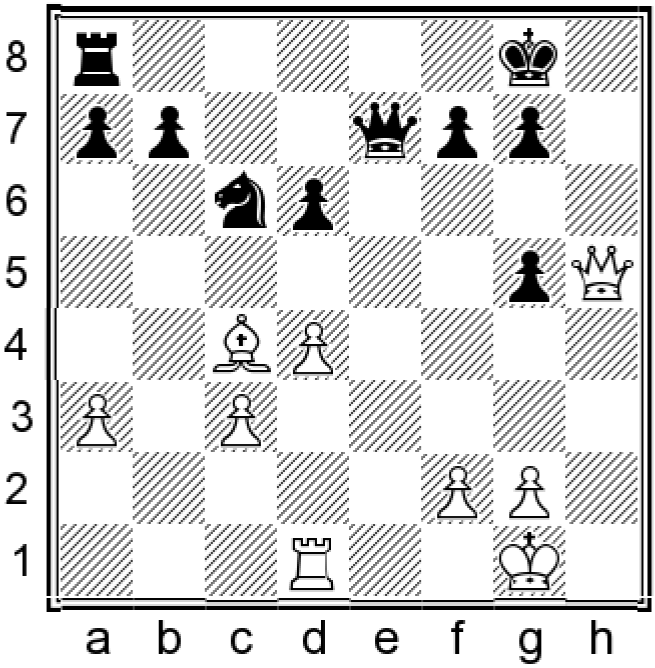
18...♗d8??

18...♗e5 19.♘d2 g6 20.h4 ♘e7 21.♘e4↑

19.♘d4 1-0

110. [C42]
Solak, Dragan (2628) - Olafsson, Helgi (2549)
Reykjavik 2015 [Solak, Dragan]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.c4 ♘b4 9.♗e2 O-O 10.♘c3 ♗f5 11.a3 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♘c6 13.♖e1 ♖e8 14.♗f4 dxc4 15.♗xc4 ♗d6 16.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 17.♘g5 ♗g6 18.♗xd6 cxd6 19.h4 ♕e7 20.♕g4 h6 21.h5 ♗xh5 22.♕xh5 hxg5 23.♖d1



23...♖d8?N

23...♖f8 24.♖d3 ♕e1+ 25.♔h2 ♕xf2 26.♖h3 ♕f4+ 27.♔g1 ♕c1+ 28.♔h2 ♕f4+ 29.♔g1= - 86/317

24.♖d3 g4?

24...♕e1+ 25.♔h2 ♕xf2 26.♖f3 ♕h4+ 27.♕xh4 gxh4 28.♗xf7+±

25.♖g3

25.♗d5!

25...♕f6 26.♖xg4 ♘e7 27.♖h4 g6 28.♕h7+ ♔f8 29.♗xf7?

29.♖h3±

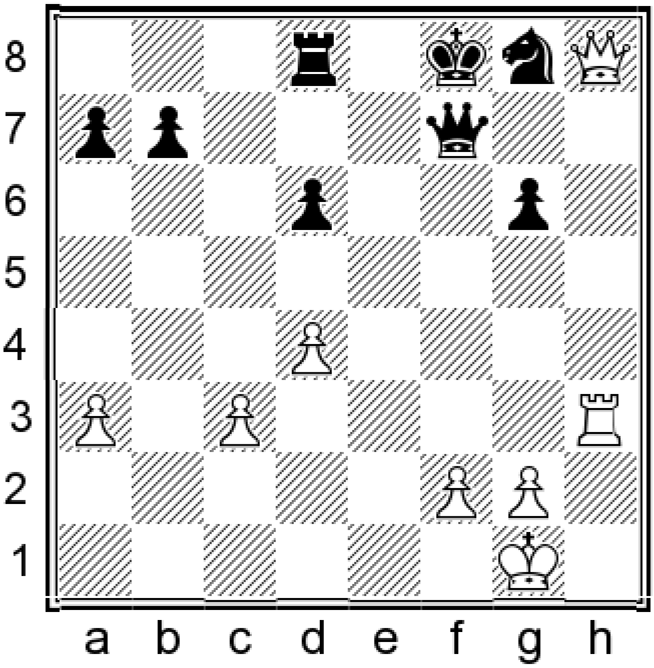
29...♕xf7

29...♘f5 30.♕g8+ ♔e7 31.♖e4+ ♔d7 32.♕xg6+-

30.♕h8+ ♘g8

30...♕g8 31.♕f6+ ♕f7 32.♖h8+ ♘g8 33.♕xd8++-

31.♖h3



31...♔e8!

31...♕d5 32.♖h7 ♔e8 33.♕g7+-

32.♖h7 ♕e6 33.♖xb7 ♖d7 34.♖b8+ ♖d8 35.♖b7 ♖d7 36.♖b8+ ♖d8 1/2-1/2

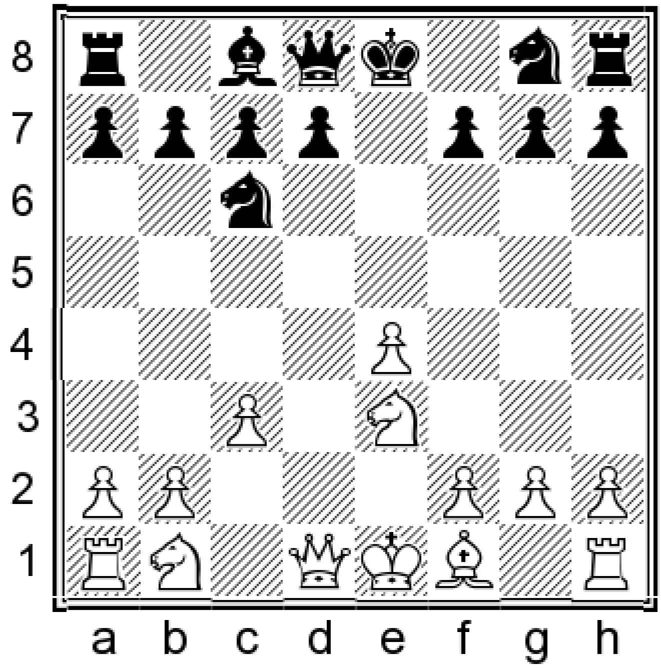
111.**** [C45]**
Rublevsky, Sergei (2700) - D'Amore, Carlo (2455)
Skopje 2015 [Rublevsky, Sergei]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♗b4+

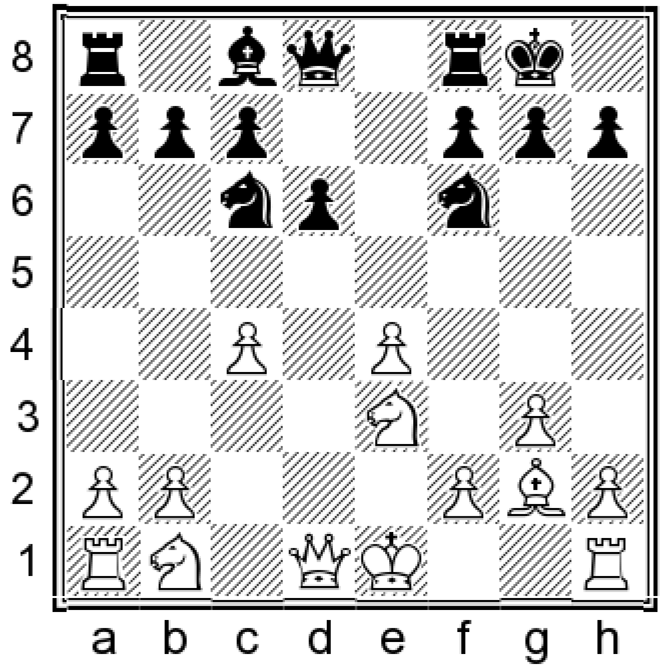
4...♗c54...♕f6

5.c3 ♗c5 6.♗e3 ♗b6 7.♘f5 g6

7...♗xe3 8.♘xe3



8...d6 (8...♘f6 9.f3!? (9.♘d2?! d5=) 9...O-O 10.c4 ♘h5 11.♕d2 ♕h4+ 12.♕f2 ♕xf2+ 13.♔xf2 ♘f4 14.♘c3↑ Δ Nd5) (8...♘ge7 9.g3!? d6 10.♗g2 O-O 11.O-O ♔h8 12.f4 f5 13.♕d3 fxe4 14.♗xe4 h6 15.c4±) 9.g3 ♘f6N (9...h5!?) 10.♗g2 O-O 11.c4



11...♗d7 - 127/(111) (11...a5N 12.♘c3 ♘d7 13.O-O ♘c5 14.♕d2± Zumsande, M (2423) -Rjabzev, K (2314) Pardubice 127/(111) 2015) 12.♘c3 a6 13.O-O ♖e8 14.h3 ♖b8 15.a4 a5 16.♔h2 ♘b4 17.b3 ♘a6 18.♕c2 ♘c5 19.♖ad1 ♗c6 20.f3!? b6 21.♘f5 ♗b7 22.♖fe1 ♘fd7 23.f4 ♖e6 24.♘d5↑ Rublevsky, S (2698) -Yandemirov, V (2375) Russia 127/(111) 2015

8.♗xb6 axb6 9.♘e3 ♘f6 10.f3

10.♘d2?! d5=

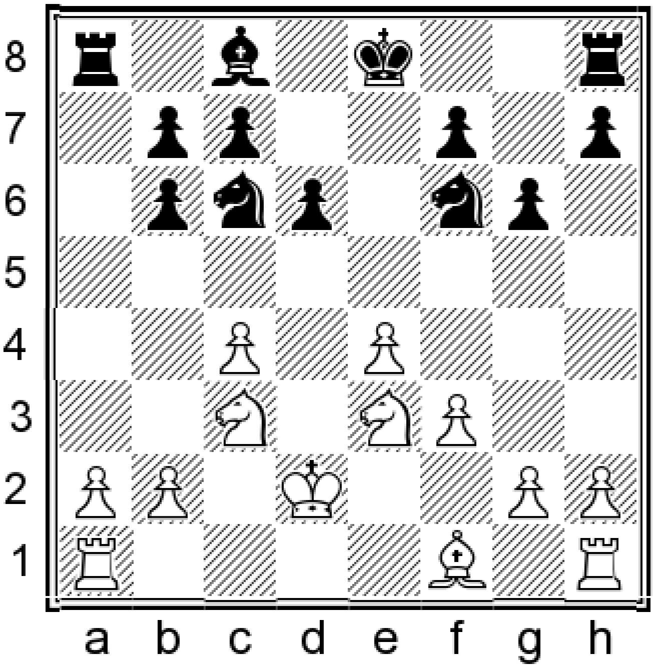
10...♕e7

10...O-O 11.c4 d5!? - 127/112

11.c4♕b4+ - 127/111

11...♕c5N 12.♕d2 ♘d4 13.♘a3 (13.♘c3?? ♘b3!-+) 13...c6 14.O-O-O ♘e6 15.♕c3 (15.♔b1 O-O 16.♘ac2±) 15...O-O 16.♘ac2 ♘e8 17.a3 d6 18.h4 ♕e5 Karttunen, M (2429) -Dokutchaev, A (2414) Suomi 127/ (111) 2015 (18...♕e5 19.♕d2↑)

12.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 13.♔xd2 d6 14.♘c3



14...♔d8 - 127/111

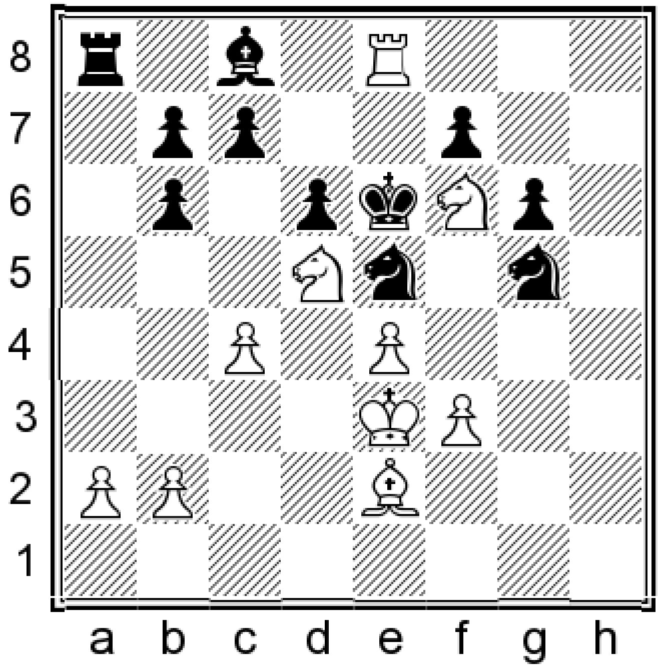
14...♗d7N 15.♗d3 O-O-O 16.♖ad1 (16.♘cd5!? ♘xd5 17.cxd5↑) 16...♖de8 17.♗b1 ♘d8 18.♔e2 ♘e6 19.♔f2 ♘g7 20.♗c2 ♖hf8 21.♖he1 ♘g8 22.b3± Salgado Lopez, I (2615) -Haznedaroglu, K (2451) Turkiye 127/(111) 2015

15.♗d3

15.♖d1 ♖e8 16.♔c1N (16.a3) 16...♗e6 17.b3 ♘d7 18.♔b2 ♘c5 19.♗d3 (19.g4 ♘e5 20.♗e2 ♗d7 21.g5↑) 19...f5 20.♗b1 f4?! (20...fxe4 21.♗xe4 ♘xe4 22.♘xe4∞) 21.♘ed5 ♗xd5 22.♘xd5?! (22.exd5 ♘e5 23.♖d4 ♖f8 24.♘e2±) 22...♖f8∞ Zumsande, M (2422) -Timman, J (2562) Douglas 127/(111) 2015

15...♘e5 16.♗e2 h5!?N

16...♖e8?! 17.g4!? ♘fd7 18.h4 ♘c5 19.♘ed5 h6 20.♘f6 ♖h8 21.g5 ♘e6 22.♔e3± Δhxg5? 23.hxg5 ♖xh1 24.♖xh1 ♘xg5 25.♖h8+ ♔e7 26.♘cd5+ ♔e6 27.♖e8#



17.♖ad1N

17.♔e1 - 127/ (111) 17...h4 18.♔f2 g5 19.♖ad1 ♗e6 20.♖d2 ♔e7 21.b3± Xiong, J (2523) -Liou, Y (2417) USA 127/(111) 2015

17...♘ed7?!

17...c6!? 18.♔c2 ♔c7±

18.♔c2 ♖e8 19.♖d2 ♘c5 20.b4 ♘e6 21.♔b2 ♗d7

21...♘f4 22.♗d1 h4 23.c5! bxc5 24.bxc5 ♖a6 25.♗b3 ♗e6 26.♖hd1±

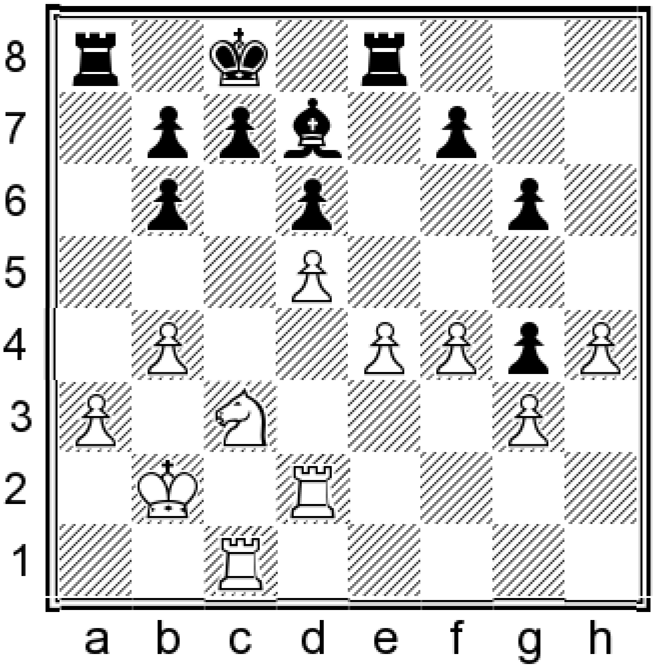
22.♖hd1 ♔c8

22...♘f4 23.♗f1 h4 24.c5! bxc5 25.bxc5± Δdxc5? 26.♘g4 ♘4h5 27.e5+-

23.h4 ♘d8 24.♖c1 ♘c6 25.a3 ♘e5 26.g3 ♘c6

26...♔b8 27.♘ed5 ♘xd5 28.cxd5±

27.♘ed5 ♘xd5 28.cxd5 ♘e5 29.f4 ♘g4 30.♗xg4 hxg4



30...♗xg4 31.♘b5 ♖e7 32.♘xd6+ ♔d8 33.♘xb7+ ♔c8 34.♘d6+ ♔d8 35.♘c4 ♖xe4 36.d6+-

31.e5! ♔d8

31...dxe5 32.♘e4 exf4 33.♘d6+ ♔d8 34.♘xe8 ♗xe8 35.♖d4 fxg3 36.♖xg4+-

32.♘e4 dxe5

32...♗f5 33.♘f6 ♖e7 34.♖h1! dxe5 35.h5+-

33.♘f6 ♖e7

33...exf4 34.♘xe8+- - 31...de5

34.♖xc7 ♗f5

34...exf4 35.d6+-34...♔xc7 35.d6+ ♔d8 36.dxe7+ ♔xe7 37.♘d5+! ♔f8 38.♘xb6+-

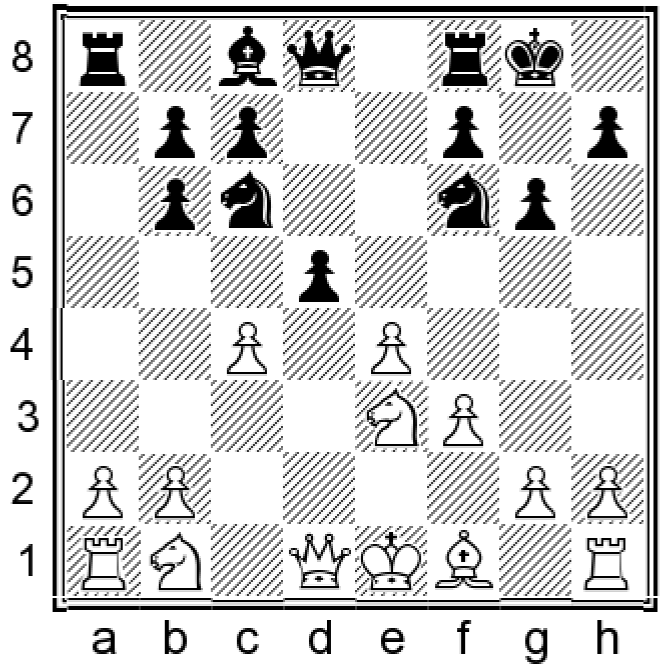
35.♖xe7 ♔xe7 36.fxe5 ♖c8 37.♖f2 ♗d3

37...b5 38.h5 ♖h8 39.h6+-

38.♘xg4 1-0

112. [C45]**
Siva, Mahadevan (2388) - Nestorovic, Nikola (2457)
Kragujevac 2015 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♗b4+ 5.c3 ♗c5 6.♗e3 ♗b6 7.♘f5 g6 8.♗xb6 axb6 9.♘e3 ♘f6 10.f3 O-O 11.c4 d5!



11...♘xe4? 12.fxe4 ♕h4+ 13.♔d2 ♕xe4 14.♘d5 ♕e5 15.♘bc3 ♘d4 16.♕e1 ♕g5+ 17.♔d3 d6 18.♘e4 ♕e5 19.♕f2 ♘c6 (19...♘b3 20.♖e1 ♖xa2 21.♘ef6+) 20.♖e1 ♗f5 21.g4+-11...d6 12.♘c3 ♘h5 13.♕d2 ♖e8 (13...♕h4+ 14.♕f2 ♕xf2+ 15.♔xf2 ♗e6 16.♘ed5±) 14.O-O-O±

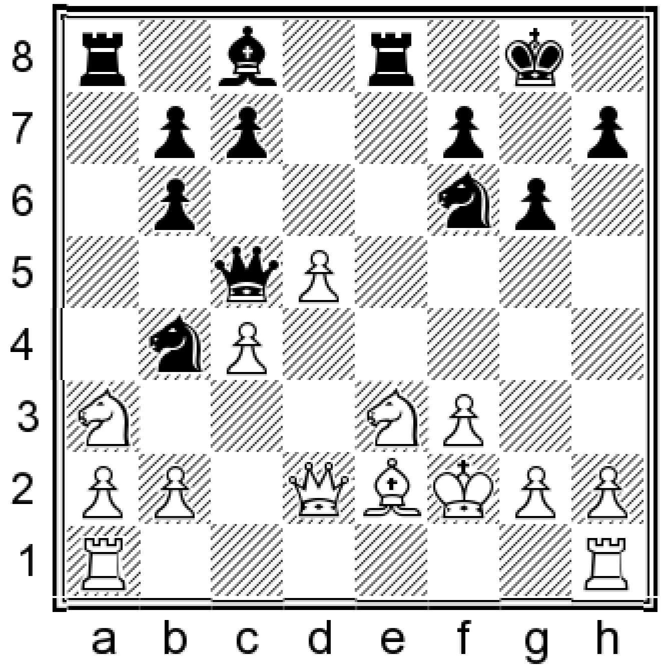
12.exd5N

12.cxd5 - 127/(112) 12...♘xe4! 13.fxe4 (13.dxc6? ♕h4+ 14.g3 (14.♔e2? ♕f2+ 15.♔d3 ♖d8+) 14...♘xg3 15.hxg3 ♕xh1→) 13...♕h4+ 14.g3?!N (14.♔d2 - 127/(112) 14...♕xe4 15.♗d3N (15.♘c3 ♕d4+ 16.♔e2 ♕f4 17.dxc6 bxc6 - 116/104) 15...♕d4 16.♕b3 ♖e8 17.♖e1 ♘e5 18.♕c3 ♕f4∞ Zumsande, M (2422) -Jones, G (2623) Douglas 127/(112) 2015) (14.♔e2!? ♕xe4 15.♘d2 ♕f4 16.♘f3 (16.dxc6? ♖e8 17.♕b3 ♖a5) 16...♖e8 17.♕d2 ♖a4 18.♔f2 ♘e5 19.♖d1 ♗d7 20.h3 ♘xf3 21.gxf3 ♕h4+ 22.♔g2 c5 23.♕c1 h5 24.♖h2 ♖xa2 25.♔h1± Rublevsky, Sergei) 14...♕xe4 15.♔f2 ♕xh1 16.dxc6 ♕xh2+ 17.♗g2 bxc6 18.♘d2 ♖d8∓ Antal, G (2565) -Rausis, I (2600) Fagernes 127/(112) 2016

12...♕e7 13.♔f2 ♖e8 14.♕d2 ♘b4∓ 15.♘a3?!

15.♘c3 ♕c5 16.g3 ♗f5 17.♖c1 ♘xa2 18.♘xa2 ♖xa2 19.♖c3 h5↑

15...♕c5∓ 16.♗e2



16...♗f5?!

16...♖xa3! 17.bxa3 ♘c2 18.♕xc2 ♖xe3! 19.♔f1 (19.♔e1 ♗f5 20.♕b2 ♗d3-+) 19...♘xd5-+ ∆ Nf4

17.♖hd1?

17.♖he1 ♖e4!?↑17.♖hc1 ♖e5↑

17...♖xa3!-+ 18.bxa3 ♘c2 19.♔g1

19.♖ac1 ♘xe3 20.♕d4 ♘xd1+-+

19...♘xa1 20.♖xa1 ♕xe3+ 21.♕xe3 ♖xe3 22.♔f2 ♖xa3 23.g4 ♗d3 24.♗xd3 ♖xd3 25.♖e1 ♔f8 0-1

113.* [C48]
Anand, Viswanathan (2784) - Aronian, Levon (2792)
Zuerich (rapid) 2016 [Marin, Mihail]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗d6!? 5.O-O O-O 6.d3 ♖e8

6...h6 - 108/82

7.a3

7.♘e2!? ∆ ♘g3

7...h6

7...♗c5 8.♘d5!? ♘xd5 (8...h6 9.c3±) (8...a6 9.♗a4 ♘xd5 10.exd5 ♘d4 11.♘xd4 ♗xd4 12.c3 ♗a7 13.d6!? cxd6 14.♗b3) 9.exd5 ♘d4 10.♘xd4 exd4 (10...♗xd4 11.c3 ♗b6 12.♕f3 ♖f8 13.♕g3↑ ∆d6? 14.♗h6 ♕f6 15.♗g5 ♕g6 16.♗e7±) 11.♕f3 ♖f8 12.♗d2 d6 13.♖fe1±

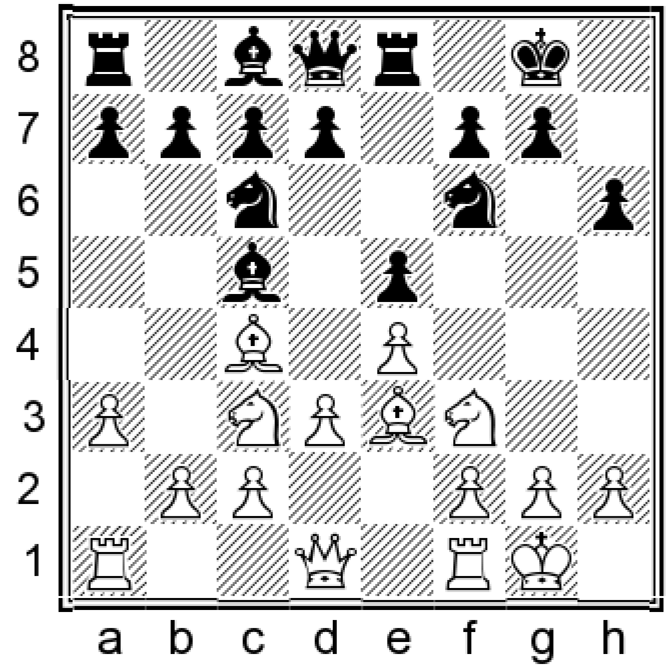
8.♗c4

8.h3 a6 9.♗c4 ♗c5 10.♗e3 d6N (10...♗f8) 11.d4 exd4 12.♘xd4 ♗xd4 13.♗xd4 ♗e6= Ceschia, I (2229) -Zorko, J (2466) Nova Gorica 127/(113) 2016

8...♗c5

8...♗f8

9.♗e3



9...♗xe3?!N

9...♗b6 10.♕d2 d6 (10...♗xe3 11.fxe3 d6 12.♘h4 ♗e6 13.♘f5±) 11.♗xh6! gxh6 12.♕xh6 ♖e6 (12...♘h7 13.♗xf7+!) (12...♗e6 13.♘g5→ Δ♗xc4? 14.dxc4 ♘b8 15.♘d5 ♘bd7 16.♖ad1+-) 13.♗xe6 fxe6 (13...♗xe6 14.♘g5+- Δ Kh1, f4) 14.♕g6+ ♔f8 (14...♔h8 15.♘g5+-) 15.♕h6+ (15.♘a4 ♕e7 16.♘xb6 axb6 17.c3±) 15...♔e7 16.♕g7+ ♔e8 17.♘a4!? ±9...d6!?

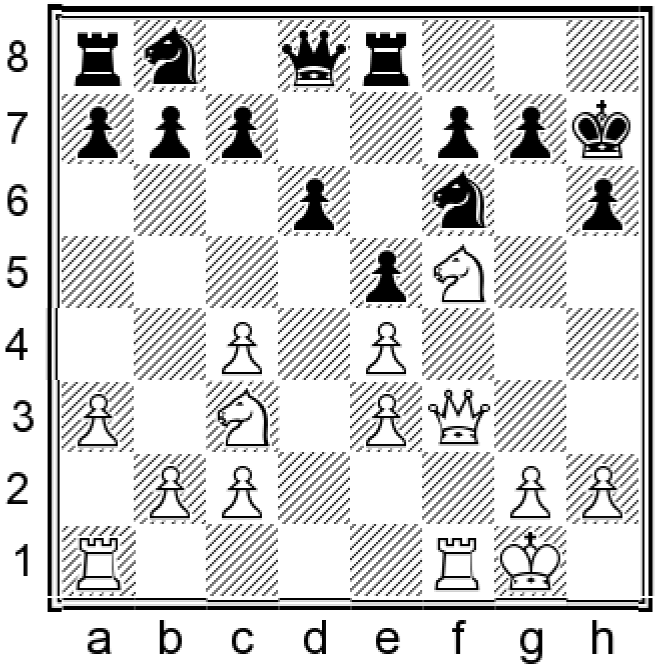
10.fxe3 d6 11.♘h4 ♗e6 12.♘f5 ♗xc4?!

12...♔h7 13.♘d5 ♗xd5 14.♗xd5± Δ♘xd5? 15.exd5 ♘e7 (15...♘b8 16.♕h5 ♕g5 (16...♖f8 17.♘xg7! ♔xg7 18.♖f3+-) 17.♘xg7!+-) 16.♕g4 ♘g6 (16...g6 17.♘xh6! ♔xh6 18.♕h4+ ♔g7 19.♕f6+ ♔h6 20.♖f3+-) 17.h4±12...♘b8!? 13.♕f3 ♘bd7±

13.dxc4 ♔h7

13...♘b8 14.c5 dxc5 15.♘xh6+ gxh6 16.♕xd8 ♖xd8 17.♖xf6±13...♖e6 14.♕f3 ♘b8 15.g4 ♘bd7 16.♔h1↑

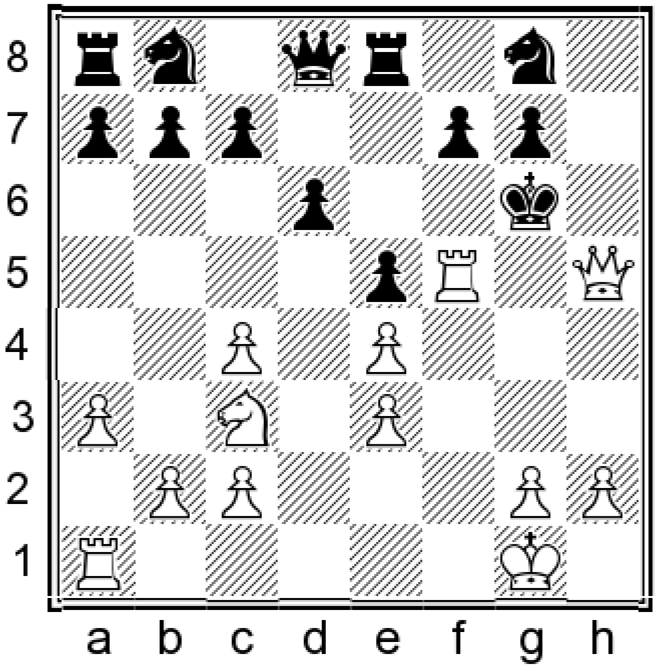
14.♕f3 ♘b8?



14...♘g8 15.♖ad1 g6 (15...b6 16.♕g3 ♕g5 (16...g6 17.♘d4! exd4 18.♖xf7+ ♔h8 19.♕xg6+-) 17.♘d5 ♖ac8 18.♕h3 g6 19.♖f3!?± Δgxf5? 20.♖g3 ♕d8 21.♕xf5+ ♔h8 22.♕g4 ♕g5 23.♕h3 ♕d8 24.♖f1 ♖f8 25.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 26.♕xh6+-) 16.♘xd6!? cxd6 17.♕xf7+ ♔h8 18.♕xg6 ♖f8 19.♘b5↑

15.♘xh6!+- ♔xh6 16.♕h3+ ♔g6 17.♖f3 ♘h5 18.♖f5 ♘f6 19.♕h4

19.♕h4 ♘g8 20.♕h5#



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C50-C99

114 [C54]
Muzychuk, Mariya (2563) - Hou, Yifan (2667)
Lviv (m/6) 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 O-O 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♗g3

9.♘xg5 hxg5 10.♗xg5 ♔g7 11.♕f3 - 97/217 (11.b4!? (Δ ♘a3-c2-e3) 11...♗b6 12.♕f3 ♖h8 13.♘a3 ♔g6! 14.♗e3=∞ (14.h4 ♗g4 15.♕g3 ♕d7∓) (14.♗d2 ♗g4 15.♕g3 ♕d7 16.h3 ♘h5! 17.♕h2 (17.♕xg4+?? ♕xg4 18.hxg4 ♘g3-+) 17...♗e6∓))

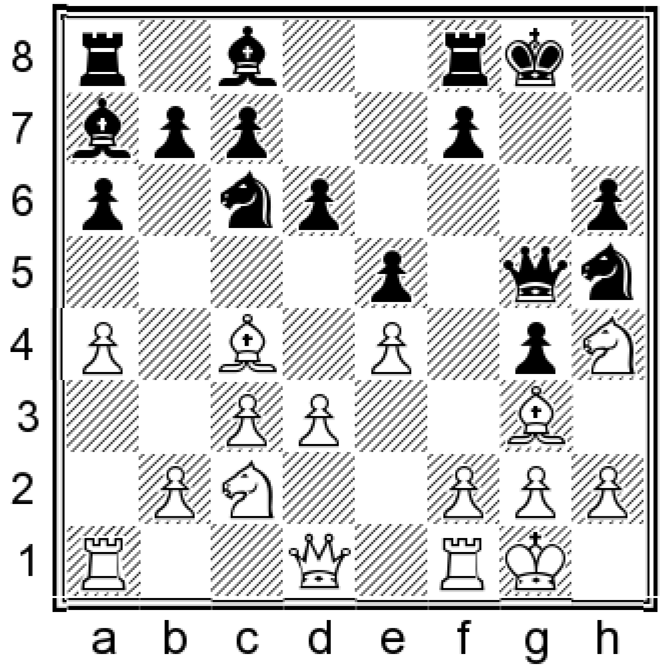
9...g4 10.♘h4!?

10.♗h4 gxf3 11.♕xf3 ♔g7 12.♕g3+ ♔h7 13.♕f3=

10...♘h5

10...d5!?

11.a4 a6 12.♘a3 ♕g5 13.♘c2 ♗a7



14.♘e3!?N

14.d4

14...♘e7

14...♗xe3 15.fxe3 ♘xg3 16.hxg3 ♕xe3+ 17.♔h2 Δ ♘f5↑

15.d4

15.♕b3 ♗d7 (15...♗xe3?! 16.fxe3 ♕xe3+ 17.♗f2 ♕g5 18.g3 ♘g7 19.♖ae1 ♘e6 20.♗e3↑) 16.a5 ♖ab8 17.♖ad1 ♘xg3 18.hxg3 h5=

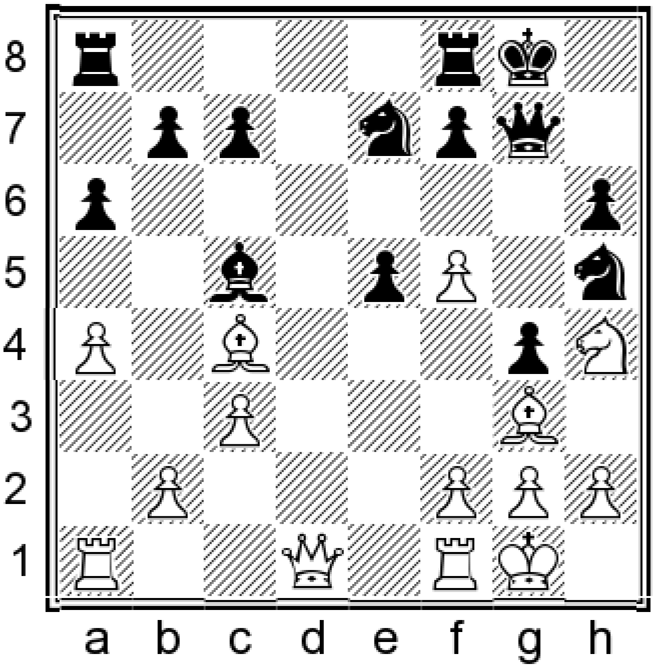
15...♕g7?!

⌓15...♘xg3 16.hxg3 exd4 17.cxd4 ♕g7!

16.dxe5 dxe5 17.♘ef5?

17.♕d2 ♘xg3 18.hxg3 h5 19.♖ad1⩲

17...♗xf5 18.exf5 ♗c5



18...♘xg3! 19.hxg3 ♘c8!∞ Δ ♘d6

19.♖e1?!

19.f6! ♕xf6 (19...♘xf6 20.♗xe5±) 20.♕xg4+ ♕g5 21.♕f3 c6 22.♖fe1±

19...♘xg3 20.hxg3 ♔h8 21.♕e2!?

21.♖e4!? h5 22.♕e2 ♗d6 23.f4 (23.♖d1 ♖ad8 24.♖d3⩲) 23...exf4 24.♖xe7 ♕f6 25.♖xf7 ♖xf7 26.♗xf7 ♕xf7 27.gxf4 ♖e8 28.♕d3 ♔g7 29.f6+ (29.g3 ♗e7 30.♘g2 ♗f6≅) 29...♕xf6 30.♘f5+ ♔f8 31.♘xd6 ♕xd6 32.♕xd6+ cxd6 33.♔f2⩲

21...♗d6 22.♕e4 ♖ab8 23.♗e2

23.f6 ♕xf6 24.♕xg4 ♕g7 25.♕h5 f5 26.a5⩲

23...h5 24.♖ad1 ♘g8 25.♔h2?

25.b4 ♕g5 26.♗d3 ♘f6 27.♕c4 ♔g7∞25.♕e3 ♘f6 26.b4∞

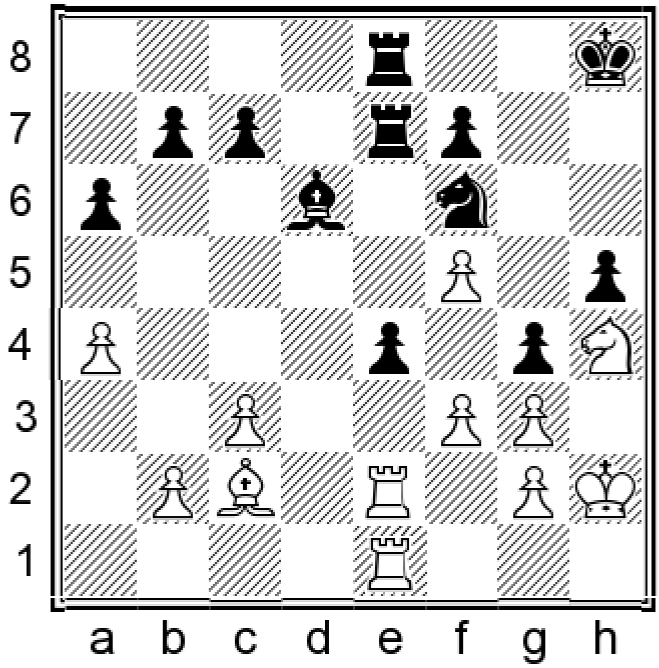
25...♕g5 26.♗c4

26.f6 ♘xf6 27.♕f5 ♖g8 28.♗c4 ♖bf8 29.♗d5 e4 (29...♘xd5 30.♖xd5≅) 30.♕xg5 ♖xg5 31.♗xe4 ♘xe4 32.♖xe4 ♔g8∓

26...♘f6 27.♕e3

27.♕c2 e4∓

27...♕xe3 28.♖xe3 e4∓ ×Nh4 **29.♖e2 ♖bd8 30.♗b3 ♖d7 31.f3 ♖e8 32.♖de1 ♖de7 33.♗c2?!**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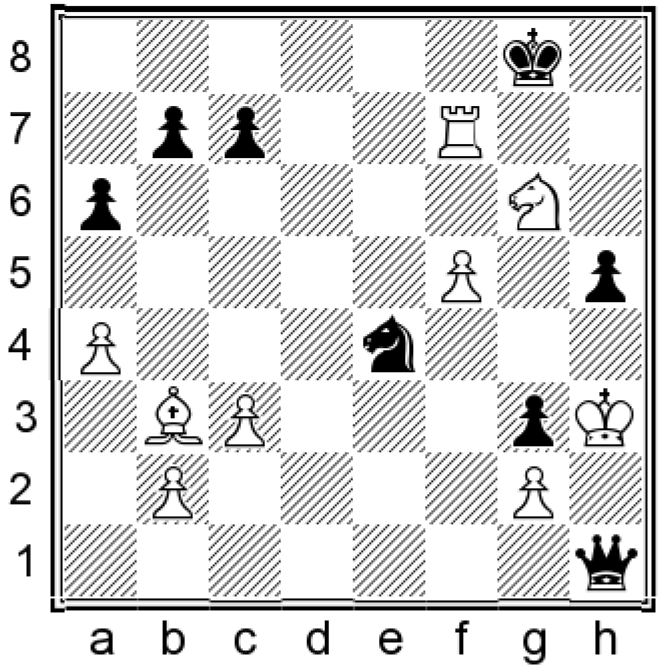
33...exf3! 34.♖xe7 ♖xe7 35.♖xe7 f2! 36.♖xf7

36.♗d3 ♗xe7-+

36...f1=Q 37.♘g6+ ♔g8 38.♖xf6

38.♗b3 ♗xg3+ 39.♔xg3 ♘e4+ 40.♔h2 g3+ 41.♔h3 ♕h1#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38...♗c5!

38...♗c5 39.♗b3+ ♔g7 40.♖f7+ ♔h6-+0-1

115. [C54]**
Muzychuk, Mariya (2563) - Hou, Yifan (2667)
Lviv (m/1) 2016 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

1.e4 e5!? 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O

5...a6 6.c3 d6

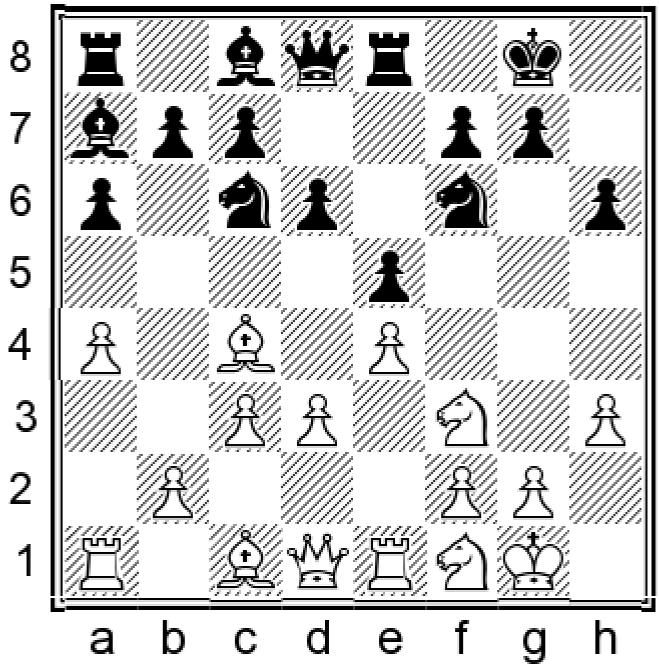
6.c3 d6 7.h3

7.♘bd2 a6 8.♗b3 ♗e6 9.♗c2 h6 10.h3 ♖e8 (10...d5 - 98/223) 11.♖e1 d5 12.exd5 ♗xd5 13.b4 ♗a7 14.a4 b5 15.♗b2N ♕d6 - 127/(115) (15...♕b8N 16.♘f1 ♕b6 17.♘e3 ♖ad8 18.a5 (18.axb5 axb5 19.♘d2±) 18...♕b7 19.♘xd5 ♘xd5 20.♘h4∞ Hou, Y (2673) -Eljanov, P (2760) Wijk aan Zee 127/(115) 2016) 16.♘e4 ♕e6 17.♘fd2 ♖ad8 18.♕e2 ♘h7 19.axb5 axb5 20.♘g3 ♘g5 21.♘ge4 ♘h7= Bok, B (2607) -Abasov, N (2556) Wijk aan Zee II 127/ (115) 2016

7...h6

7...♗b6 - 119/100

8.♖e1 a6 9.a4 ♗a7 10.♘bd2 ♖e8 11.♘f1



11...♗e6N

11...♘a5

12.♗xe6 ♖xe6 13.♗e3 ♗xe3 14.♘xe3 d5 15.♕c2 ♕d7 16.♖ad1

16.b4 ♘e7 17.a5 ♖e8=

16...♖d8 17.♘f5 ♕e8 18.b4 b5

18...dxe4 19.dxe4 ♖xd1 20.♖xd1 ♘e7 21.♘3h4 ♕c6∞

19.axb5 axb5 20.♘d2 ♘e7 21.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 22.♘b3 dxe4 23.dxe4 ♖ed6= 24.♘c5 ♖xd1 25.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 26.♕xd1 ♕d6 27.♕e2 c6 28.g3 ♘d7 29.♘xd7 ♕xd7 30.♔g2 ♕d6 31.♕e3 1/2-1/2

116. [C54]
Karjakin, Sergey (2769) - Tomashevsky, Evgeny (2728)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Marin, Mihail]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O 6.♘bd2 d6 7.c3 a5!?

7...♗b6 - 112/171

8.h3

8.♖e1 a4! (8...♘g4?! 9.♖e2 ♔h8 10.h3 ♘h6 11.♘f1 f5 12.♗g5 ♕e8 13.♗xh6 gxh6 14.d4!↑) 9.♗b5 ♗d7! 10.♗xa4? ♖xa4! 11.♕xa4 ♘b4 12.♕b3 ♘xd3 13.♖f1 ♘xf2-+8.♗b5 ♘a7 9.♗a4 b5 10.♗c2 ♘c6⇄8.a4 h6 9.♖e1 ♘e7 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 ♗b4∞

8...♗e6

8...a4!? 9.♗b5 ♗d7 (9...a3 10.b4±) 10.♗xa4 ♖xa4 11.♕xa4 ♘b4 12.♕d1 ♘xd3 13.b4 ♗a7 14.♕c2 ♘xc1 15.♖axc1 ♘h5 16.♔h2 ♘f4∞

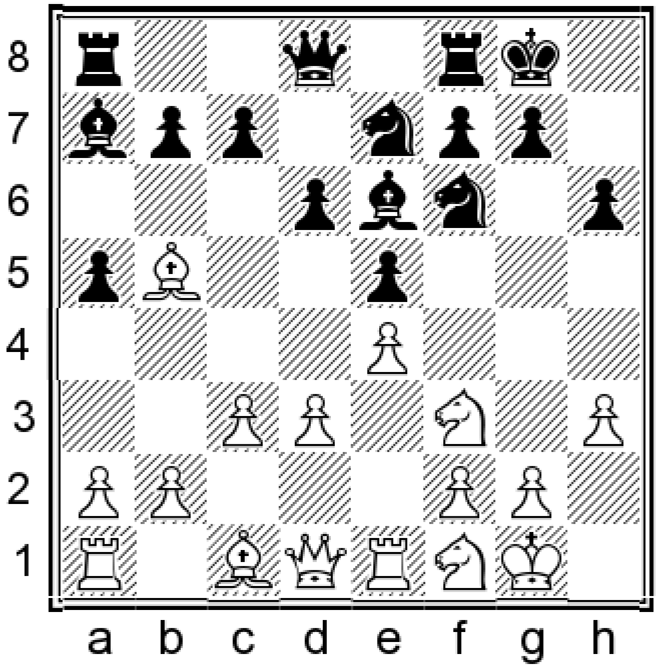
9.♖e1 h6

9...a4!? 10.♗b5 ♕b8! 11.♗xc6 (11.♗xa4? ♕a7-+) 11...bxc6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 ♗b6 14.♕c2 ♕a7 15.♕xc6 ♖fe8≅

10.♗b5 ♗a7

10...♘a7 11.♗a4 b5 12.♗c2 ♘c6 13.♘f1 ♗b6 14.♘g3 ♘e7 15.d4 ♘g6 16.♗e3±

11.♘f1 ♘e7



12.♘g3N

12.d4 exd4 13.♘xd4 (13.cxd4 d5! 14.e5 ♘e4⇄) 13...♗d7 14.♗xd7 ♕xd7 15.♘g3 ♖fe8 16.♕f3 ♔h7!?∞ (16...♗xd4?! 17.cxd4 d5?! 18.e5 ♘h7 19.♗e3±)

12...c6 13.♗a4 ♘g6 14.♗c2 ♕c7

14...d5?! 15.exd5 ♕xd5 16.♗b3 ♕d6 17.♗xe6 ♕xe6 18.d4 e4 19.♘d2±14...b5!? 15.d4 (15.a4 b4 16.d4 ♖e8 17.♗e3 ♕c7 18.♕d2 ♖ab8∞) 15...a4∞

15.d4 ♖ad8 16.♗e3 ♗b8 17.♗d3 ♖fe8 18.♕c2!

18.♕d2 d5!⇄

18...♕e7

18...d5? 19.exd5 ♗xd5 20.♗xg6±

19.♖ad1 ♗c7 20.c4 ♗c8?!

20...♘f4 21.♗f1 (21.♗xf4 exf4 22.♘f5 ♗xf5 23.exf5 ♕d7∞) 21...♘4h5 (21...g6?! 22.♘f5! ♕f8 (22...gxf5 23.exf5 ♘xh3+ 24.gxh3 ♗c8 25.♗xh6→) 23.♘xd6! ♖xd6 (23...♗xd6 24.dxe5+-) 24.♗xf4 exf4 25.e5↑) 22.♘e2 g5!?±

21.a3 exd4?!

21...♘f4!?

22.♘xd4± ♕f8 23.f4 ♘d7

23...♗b6 24.♕f2 ♗c5 25.♗c2↑

24.♕f2 ♘f6 25.♘f3 ♖e7 26.♔h1 ♔h8 27.♗c2 ♖ee8 28.b4

28.f5 ♘e5 29.♘xe5 dxe5 30.♗c5 ♕g8 31.♗b6±

28...axb4 29.axb4 d5? 30.e5+- ♘e4 31.♗xe4 dxe4 32.♖xd8 ♖xd8 33.♗c5 ♕e8 34.♖xe4 ♘e7 35.♘d4 b6 36.♗d6 ♗xd6 1-0

117.* [C54]**
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2660) - Kollars, Dmitrij (2436)
Gibraltar 2016 [Petronijevic, Zoran]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O a6 6.c3 d6 7.♖e1 ♗a7 8.♗b3 O-O 9.h3 h6 10.♘bd2 ♖e8 11.♘f1 ♗e6 12.♘g3 ♕d7 13.♗c2 d5 14.exd5!?

14.♕e2 - 112/172

14...♗xd5

14...♕xd5 15.b4!?±

15.♘h4!?

15.♗e315.b4!? ♖ad8N (15...♖e6) 16.a4 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.♘h4 ♗b6 19.♘hf5 ♘e7= Nisipeanu, L (2683) - Mamedyarov, S (2743) Reykjavik 127/(117) 2015

15...♖ad8

15...♗e6 16.♕f3 ♕d5 17.♘e4 ♘xe4 18.dxe4 ♕d8 19.♘f5 ♗xf5?!N (19...♔h7=) 20.exf5 ♕f6 21.♗e4 ♖ad8 Golubov, S (2469) -Sargsyan, S (2336) Moscow 127/(117) 2016 (21...♖ad8 22.b4 (22.g4!?) 22...♖d6 23.a4↑)

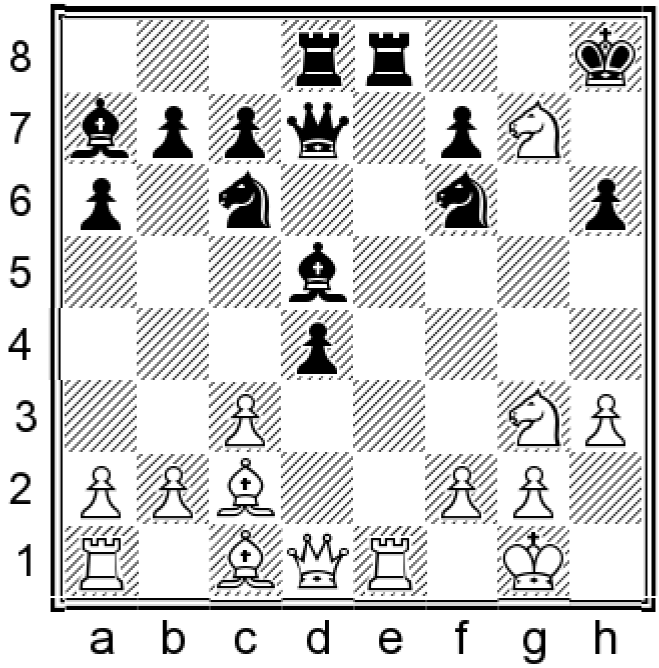
16.♘hf5

16.♗e3 ♗xe3 17.♖xe3 b5=

16...♔h8

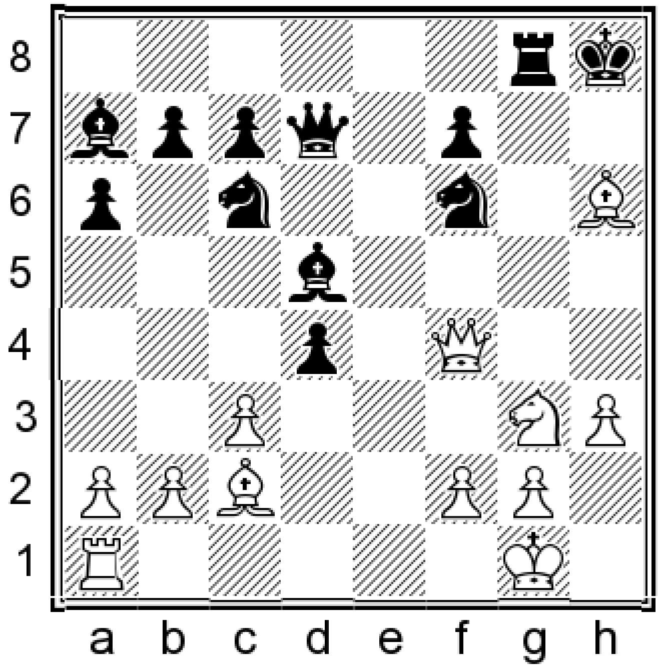
16...♘e7 17.♖xe5 ♘xf5 18.♖xf5±

17.d4!? exd4 18.♘xg7!?



18...♔xg7?N

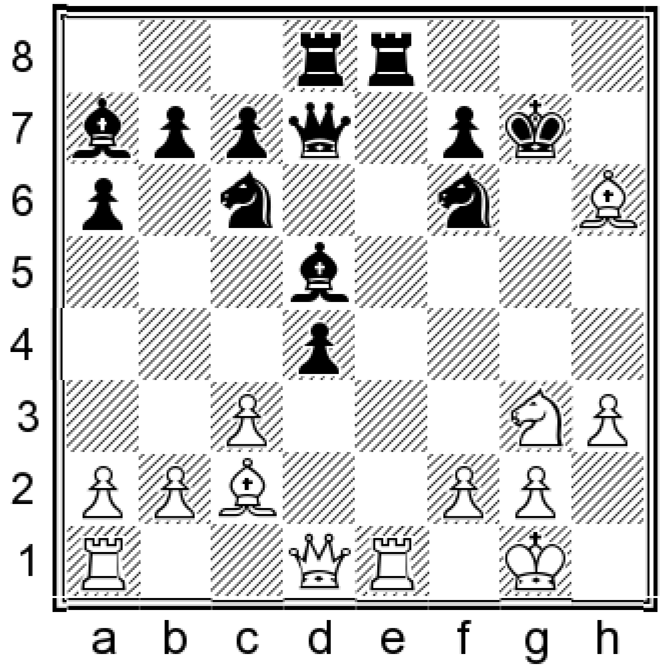
18...♖xe1+! - 127/(117) 19.♕xe1 ♔xg7 (19...d3 20.♗xd3 ♗xg2! (20...♔xg7? 21.♗xh6+ ♔h8 (21...♔xh6 22.♕c1+ ♔g7 23.♘f5++-) 22.♗g5 ♘e8 23.♗f5 ♗e6 24.♗xe6 ♕xe6 25.♕xe6 fxe6 26.♗xd8 ♘xd8 27.♖d1+-) 21.♔xg2 ♕xd3 22.♘7f5 ♕d5+ 23.f3 ♔h7 24.♗f4 ♖g8 25.♔h2 ♕xf3 26.♗xc7 ♗f2 27.♕d2 ♖g6 28.♖f1 ♘e4∞) 20.♗xh6+! ♔h8 (20...♔xh6? 21.♕d2+ ♔g7 22.♘f5+±) 21.♕d2 (21.♗g5 ♘e8 22.♗xd8 ♕xd8 23.♘h5 ♔g8 24.♕d2 ♘g7 25.♕h6 ♘xh5 26.♗h7+ ♔h8 27.♗g6+=) 21...♖g8! 22.♕f4



22...♕d6?? (22...♘h5! 23.♗g7+! ♔xg7 (23...♖xg7 24.♕h6+ ♔g8 25.♘xh5+-) 24.♘xh5+ ♔f8 25.♕h6+ ♔e7 26.♕f6+ ♔e8 27.♖e1+ ♘e7 28.♘f4∞) 23.♕h4 ♕xg3 24.fxg3 1-0 (26) Giri, A (2773) -Anand, V (2804) Stavanger (blitz)

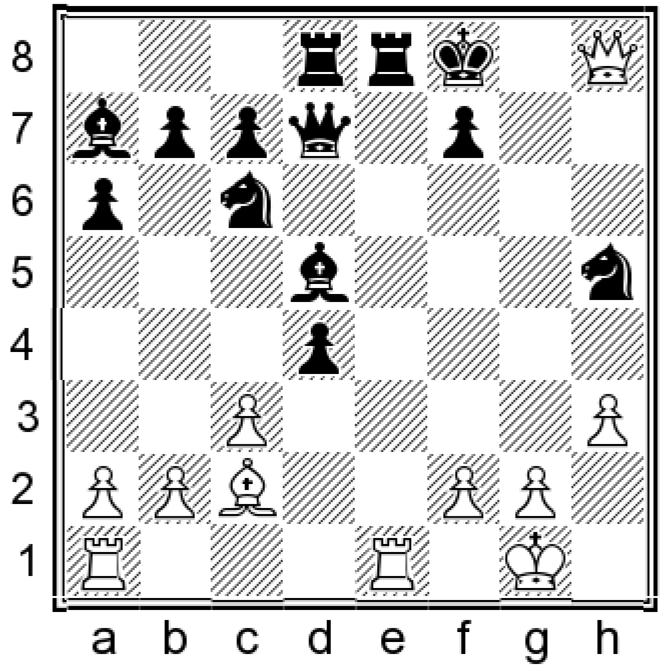
127/(117) 2015

19.♗xh6+!



19...♔h8

19...♔xh6 20.♕d2+ ♖e3 (20...♔g7? 21.♘h5+ ♘xh5 22.♕g5+ ♔f8 23.♕h6+ ♔g8 24.♕h7+ ♔f8 25.♕h8#



) 21.cxd4 ♔g7 22.♘f5+ ♕xf5 23.♗xf5 ♖xe1+ 24.♖xe1 ♘g8 25.b4±

20.♕d2 ♖xe1+?

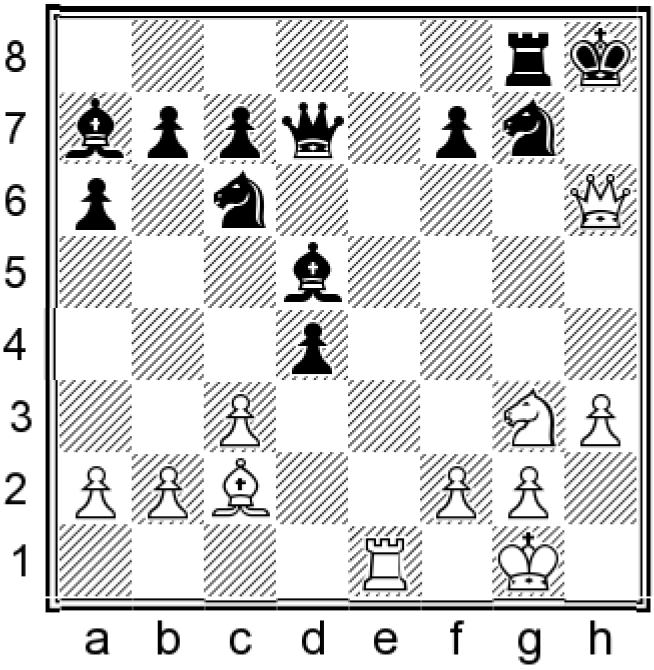
⌓20...♘h7 21.♗xh7 ♔xh7 22.♕g5! f6 (22...♖g8 23.♕h4 ♖g6 24.♗g5+ ♔g8 25.♘h5+-) 23.♕h4 ♖h8 (23...♔g8 24.♘h5+-) 24.c4 ♗xg2 25.♔xg2 ♘e5 26.♕xf6 ♕c6+ 27.♕xc6 ♘xc6 28.♗g5±

21.♖xe1+- ♖g8

21...♘h7 22.♗xh7 ♔xh7 23.♕g5+-

22.♕f4 ♘h7

22...♘h5 23.♗g7+! ♖xg7 (23...♘xg7 24.♕h6#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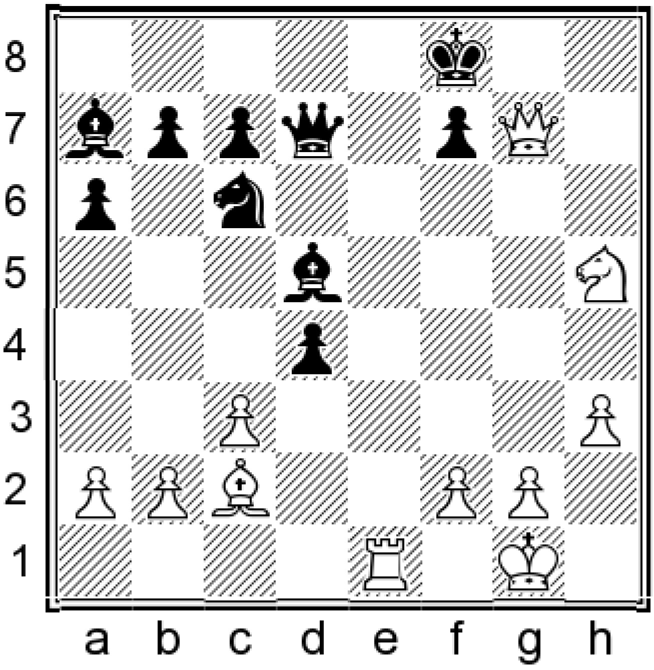
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23.♗xh7! ♔xh7 24.♕h4 ♖g6 25.♗g5+! ♔g8 26.♗f6 ♖xf6 27.♕xf6 ♗c5

27...♗e6 28.♕h6+-

28.♘h5 ♗f8 29.♕g5+ 1-0

118.* [C67]
Anand, Viswanathan (2803) - Carlsen, Magnus (2850)
London 2015 [Mueller, Karsten]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.♘c3 ♔e8 10.h3 ♗e6 11.♖d1 ♗c5

11...♗b4 12.♘e2 ♗d5 13.♘ed4 ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♖d8 15.c3 (15.♗d2 - 112/(191)) (15.♗e3!? f6 16.a3 ♗f8 17.exf6 gxf6 18.f3±) 15...♗f8N (15...♗c5) 16.♗f4 ♗c5 17.e6 ♗xd4 (17...♗d6 18.exf7+ ♔xf7=) 18.exf7+ ♗xf7 19.cxd4 ♔d7 20.♗e5 ♖hg8 21.f4 h5 22.g4 ♗d5 23.♔f2 g6 24.♔g3 a5 25.♔h4± Shirov, A (2685) -Hracek, Z (2599) Jurmala (rapid) 127/(118) 2016

12.g4N

12.♗f4

12...♘e7 13.♘g5 ♗d5?!

13...♘g6!? 14.♔g2 h5 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♘e4±

14.♘ge4

14.♘xd5!? cxd5 15.e6 f6 16.♘f7 ♖f8 17.♗f4 ♖c8 18.♗g3±

14...♗b6 15.♔g2

15.a4!? a5 16.♘xd5 cxd5 17.♘g3±

15...♖d8 16.♗f4

16.♘xd5!? cxd5 (16...♘xd5? 17.c4+-) (16...♖xd5 17.♗f4 ♘g6 18.♗g3 ♘xe5? 19.♖e1+-) 17.♘g3±

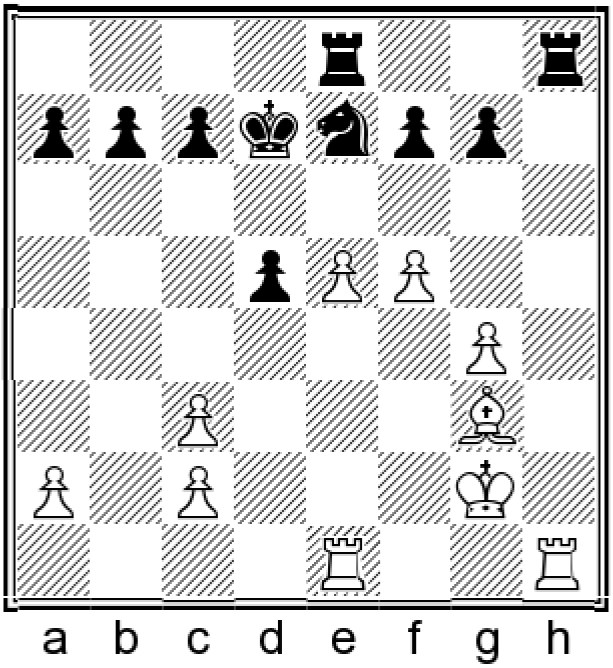
16...♘g6 17.♗g3 h5 18.f4 hxg4 19.hxg4 ♔e7 20.♖h1 ♗d4 21.♘xd5+ cxd5 22.♘c3

22.♘g5!? ♖xh1 23.♖xh1 ♖h8 24.♖d1 ♗e3! (24...♗xb2? 25.♘f3 b6 26.f5 ♘f8 27.♖xd5±) 25.♔f3 d4 26.♘e4±

22...♗xc3!

22...c6? 23.♘e2 ♗xb2? 24.♖ab1 ♖xh1 25.♔xh1 ♗a3 26.♖xb7+ ♖d7 27.♖b3 ♗c5 28.f5 ♘f8 29.♗h4+ f6 30.♖c3+-

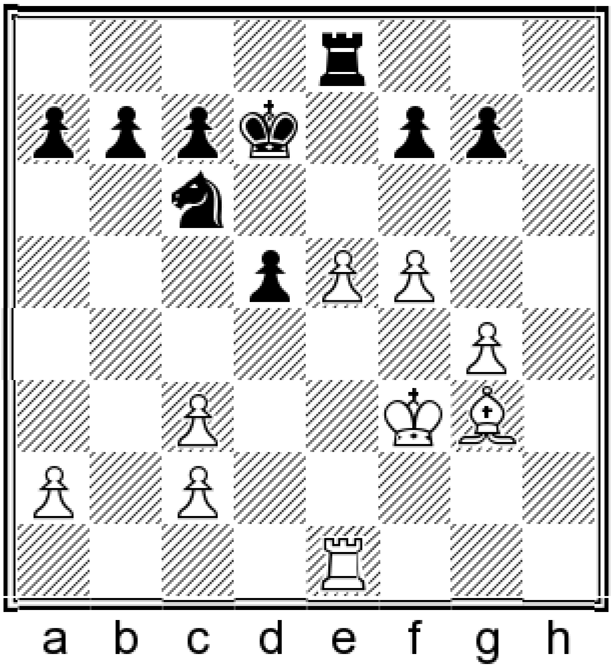
23.bxc3 ♔d7 24.f5 ♘e7 25.♖ae1 ♖de8



26.♔f3?

26.♗f4! ♔c6 (26...g6? 27.e6+ fxe6 28.f6±) 27.♔g3↑

26...♖xh1 27.♖xh1 ♘c6 28.♖e1



28.♖h7 ♘xe5+ 29.♔f4 ♘c6 30.♖xg7 ♖e4+ 31.♔f3 ♔e7=

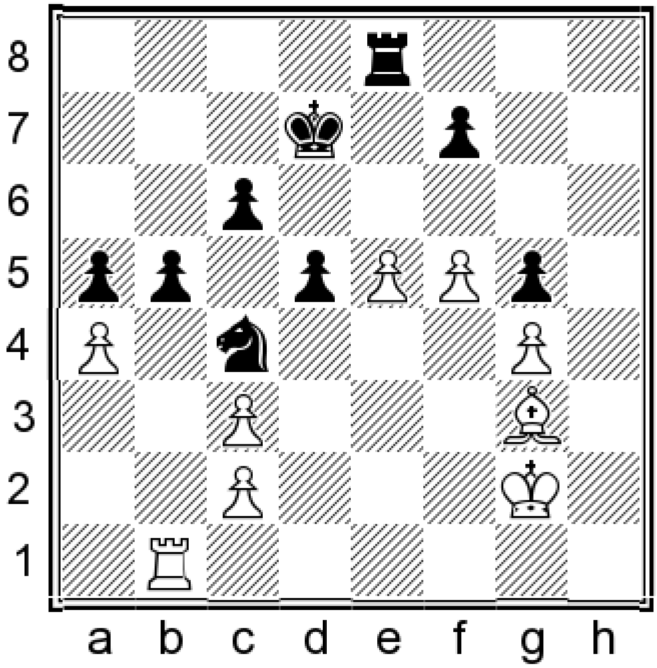
28...g5! 29.a4 a6 30.♔g2 ♔c8 31.♔f2 b6 32.♔f3 ♔d7 33.♔f2 ♔c8 34.♖e3?

34.♔f3=

34...♘a5 35.♖e1 ♘c4 36.♔f3 ♔d7 37.♔g2 a5 38.♔f2?

38.♖h1! ♘xe5 39.♖h7 ♔c6 40.♗xe5 ♖xe5 41.♖xf7 ♖e4 42.♔g3 ♖xa4 43.♖g7 ♖c4 44.♖xg5 ♖xc3+ 45.♔f4 ♖xc2 46.♖g8 a4 47.g5 ♖c4+ 48.♔g3 ♖c1 49.♔f4=

38...c6 39.♔g2 b5! 40.♖b1



40...♖h8?

40...bxa4? 41.e6+ fxe6 42.♖b7+ ♔d8 43.f6 a3 44.♖b8+ ♔d7 45.♖b7+=40...♘xe5! 41.axb5 (41.♗xe5 ♖xe5 42.axb5 ♖e2+ 43.♔f3 ♖xc2-+) 41...♘xg4 42.b6 (42.♔f3 ♘e5+ 43.♗xe5 (43.♔g2 ♘c4 44.b6 ♘e3+ 45.♔h2 ♘xf5 46.b7 ♘xg3 47.b8=Q ♖xb8 48.♖xb8 ♘e4-+) 43...♖xe5 44.♔g4 f6 45.b6 ♔c8-+) 42...♘e3+ 43.♔f2 (43.♔f3 g4+ 44.♔f4 f6 45.♗f2 ♔c8 46.b7+ ♔b8 47.♔g3 a4-+) 43...♘xf5 44.b7 ♘xg3 45.b8=Q ♘e4+ 46.♔e3 ♖xb8 47.♖xb8 ♘xc3-+

41.♗f2! ♘xe5 42.axb5 ♘xg4

42...♘c4 43.b6 ♖b8 44.♗c5=

43.bxc6+ ♔xc6 44.♗d4 ♖e8 45.♔g3! ♘e5

45...♘e3 46.♖b6+ ♔c7 47.♖f6=

46.♖b6+ ♔c7 47.♖f6 ♔d7

47...a4 48.♗xe5+ ♖xe5 49.♖xf7+ ♔b6 50.♔g4=

48.♗xe5 ♖xe5 49.♔g4 ♔e7 50.♔xg5 ♖e1 51.♖a6 f6+ 52.♔g4 ♖g1+ 53.♔f4 ♖f1+ 54.♔g4 ♖g1+ 55.♔f4 ♖f1+ 56.♔g4 1/2-1/2

119. [C67]**
Grischuk, Alexander (2750) - Giri, Anish (2778)
London 2015 [Mueller, Karsten]

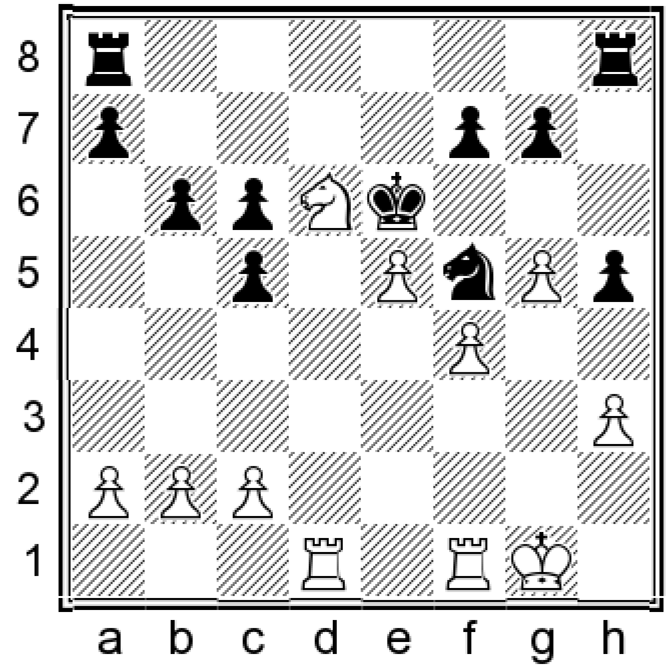
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.h3 ♔e8 10.♘c3 h5 11.♘e2 b6 12.♗g5

12.♖d1 - 122/117

12...c5 13.♘c3N ♗b7 14.♖ad1 ♗xf3 15.gxf3 c6 - 127/119

15...♘d4N 16.♘d5 ♔d7 17.f4 (17.c3 ♘xf3+ 18.♔g2 ♘xg5 19.♘xb6+ ♔c6 20.♘xa8 ♗e7 21.♘xc7 ♔xc7∞) 17...♔c6 18.c4 ♖e8 19.♔g2 ♔b7 20.♖fe1 ♖g8∞ Ponomariov, R (2710) -So, W (2775) Doha 127/(119) 2015

16.♘e4 ♗e7 17.f4 ♗xg5 18.fxg5 ♔e7 19.♘d6 ♔e6 20.f4



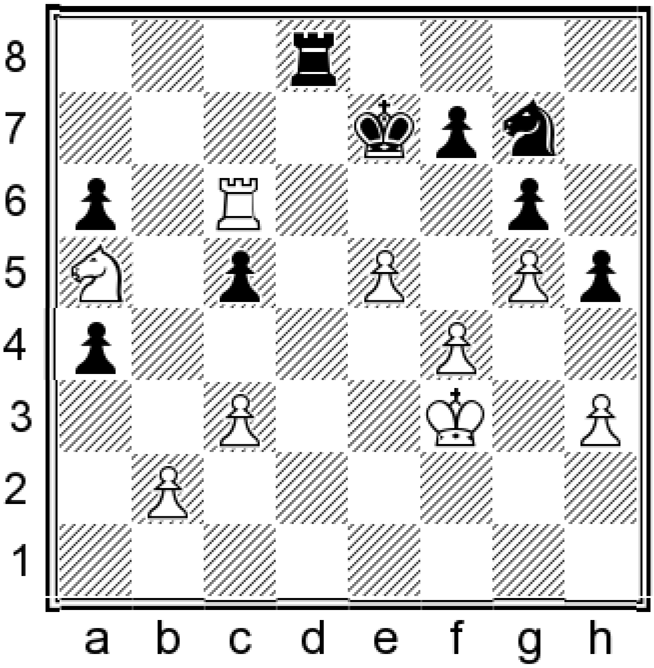
20...♖ad8? - 127/119

20...♘xd6! 21.♖xd6+ ♔f5 22.♖d7 ♖hf8 23.♔g2 ♖ad8 24.♖xa7 ♖d2+ 25.♖f2 ♖xf2+ 26.♔xf2 ♔xf4=20...♖hd8N 21.♖fe1 ♘d4 22.♖e4 ♖d7 23.c3 ♘f5 24.♔f2 ♖ad8 25.♔f3 ♘h4+ 26.♔g3 ♘f5+ 27.♔f3= Torosyan, N (2365) -Mikaelyan, A (2448) Armenia 127/(119) 2016

21.♖fe1± g6 22.♔f2 ♘d4?

⌓22...a5 23.♖d3 c4 24.♖d2 b5 25.♖ed1 a4±

23.c3 ♘f5 24.♔f3 ♘g7?! 25.♖d2 ♔e7 26.♖ed1 ♖hg8 27.a4 a6 28.♘c4! ♖xd2 29.♖xd2 b5 30.♘a5 ♖c8 31.♖d6 bxa4 32.♖xc6 ♖d8



32...♖xc6 33.♘xc6+ ♔d7 34.♘a5 ♘f5 35.♔e4 ♘g3+ 36.♔d3 ♔e6 37.♘c4+-32...♖b8 33.♖c7+ ♔f8 34.♘c4+-

33.♘c4?

33.♘b7! ♖d3+ 34.♔e4 ♖xh3 (34...♖d2 35.♖c7+ ♔f8 36.♘d6 ♖xb2 37.♖xf7+ ♔g8 38.♖a7 a3 39.♖a8+ ♔h7 40.♖xa6 a2 41.♔d5 ♖d2+ 42.♔c6+-) 35.♖c7+ ♔f8 36.♘d6 ♖h2 37.♖xf7+ ♔g8 38.♖b7 h4 39.♖b8+ ♔h7 40.♔f3 ♖h3+ 41.♔g4 a3 42.bxa3 ♖g3+ 43.♔xh4 ♖xc3 44.♖b7+-

33...a3 34.bxa3?

34.♖c7+ ♔e6 35.♔e4 ♖d1 (35...a2? 36.♖c6+ ♔e7 37.♖xa6+-) 36.bxa3±

34...♖d3+ 35.♔e4 ♖xc3 36.♘d6 ♖xa3 37.♖c7+ ♔e6 38.♖xf7 ♘e8!? 39.♖f8 ♘xd6+ 40.exd6 ♖a4+ 41.♔e3 ♔xd6 42.♖f6+ ♔d5 43.f5

43.♖xg6 ♖a3+ 44.♔f2 ♔e4 45.♖f6 h4 46.g6 ♖f3+ 47.♔e2 ♖xh3=

43...♖a3+ 44.♔f4 ♖a4+ 45.♔e3 ♖a3+ 46.♔f4 ♖a4+ 47.♔e3 1/2-1/2

120. ** [C68]**
Solak, Dragan (2628) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2748)
Reykjavik 2015 [Solak, Dragan]

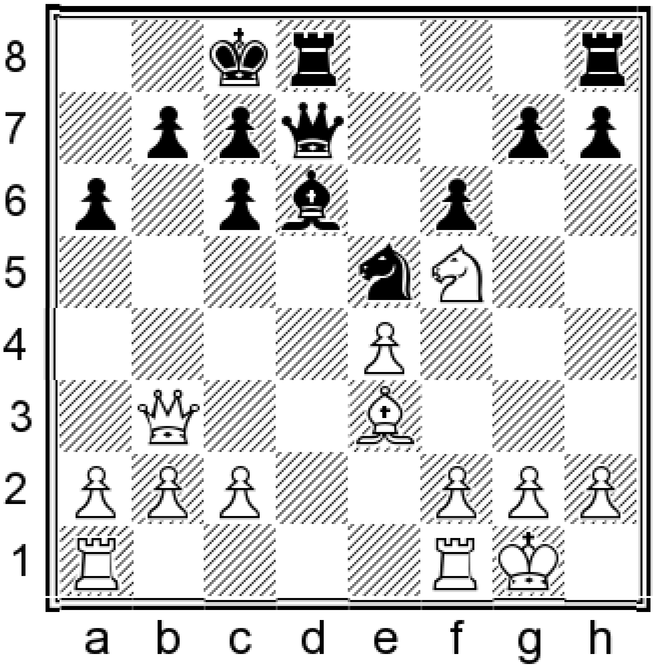
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗xc6 dxc6 5.O-O ♗d6 6.d4 exd4 7.♕xd4 f6 8.♗e3 ♘e7 9.♘bd2 ♗e6 10.♕c3 ♕d7

10...O-O - 70/(316)

11.♘c4 ♗xc4 12.♕xc4 ♘g6 13.♘d4 ♘e5 14.♕b3N

14.♕e2 - 127/(120) 14...♘g4 15.h3 ♘xe3 16.♕xe3 g6 17.♖ad1N (17.♘f3) 17...O-O-O 18.♘b3 b6= Solak, D (2631) - Korobov, A (2700) Baku (m/1) 127/(120) 2015

14...O-O-O 15.♘f5



15.♘e6 ♖de8 16.♘c5 ♗xc5 17.♗xc5 b6 18.♖ad1 ♕e6 19.♗d4∞

15...g6N

15...♘g4 - 127/(120) 16.h3 (16.♖fd1 ♗xh2+ 17.♔f1 ♕xd1+ 18.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 19.♔e2 ♖d7 20.g3 h5∞) 16...♘xe3 17.♕xe3 ♔b8 18.♖ad1 ♕f7 19.b3 ♖he8 20.♖d3 ♗f8 21.♖fd1 ♖xd3 22.♕xd3 g6 23.♘d4 ♗d6 24.♘f3 ♖e7 25.♖e1 ♕e8= Solak, D (2628) -Svidler, P (2745) Reykjavik 127/(120) 2015

16.♘xd6+ ♕xd6 17.h3 g5= 18.♖ae1

18.♖ad1 ♕xd1 19.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 20.♔h2 ♖e8∓

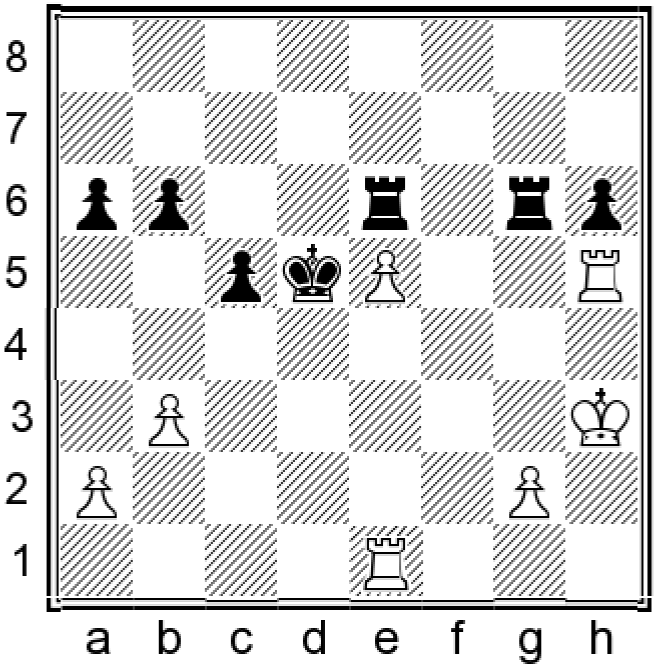
18...b6 19.f4 gxf4 20.♗xf4 ♔b7 21.♕c3 ♖hg8 22.♖e2 ♕e6 23.b3 c5 24.♗xe5 fxe5 25.♕f3 c4 26.♕f6 ♕d7

26...♕xf6 27.♖xf6 ♖d1+! 28.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 29.♔xf1∞

27.♕xe5 ♕xh3 28.♕f5 ♕c3 29.e5 ♕d4+! 30.♔h2

30.♕f2? ♖xg2+! 31.♔xg2 ♕g4+ 32.♔h2 (32.♔h1 ♕h3+ 33.♔g1 ♖g8+ 34.♕g2+ ♖xg2+ 35.♖xg2 ♕e3+∓) 32...♕h5+ 33.♔g3 ♖g8+ 34.♔f4 ♖g4+ 35.♔e3 ♕g5+ 36.♕f4 ♖xf4 37.♖xf4 ♕xe5+ 38.♔f3∓

30...♖g6 31.♖f3 ♖e8 32.♕e4+ ♕xe4 33.♖xe4 cxb3 34.cxb3 ♖e7 35.♖h3 ♔c6 36.♖h5 ♔d5 37.♖e2 c5 38.♔h3 h6 39.♖e1 ♖ee6



40.♖d1+!

40.g4? ♖g5 41.♔h4 ♖xh5+ (41...♖gxe5 42.♖exe5+ ♖xe5 43.♖xh6) 42.♔xh5 b5! (42...♖xe5+ 43.♖xe5+ ♔xe5 44.♔xh6 b5 45.g5 c4 46.bxc4 bxc4 47.g6 c3 48.g7 c2 49.g8=Q c1=Q+ 50.♕g5+=) 43.♖d1+ ♔xe5 44.♖e1+ ♔d5 45.♖xe6 ♔xe6 46.♔xh6 c4 47.g5 c3 48.g6 c2 49.g7 c1=Q+-+

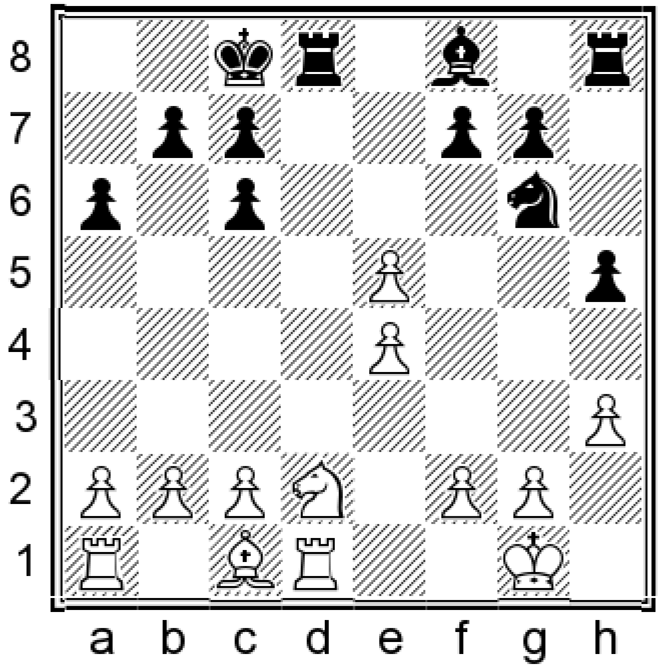
40...♔e4 41.♖e1+ ♔d4 42.♖d1+ ♔c3 43.♖f5= b5 44.♖c1+ ♔d4 45.♖d1+ ♔e4 46.g4 c4 47.bxc4 bxc4 48.♔g3 ♖c6 49.e6

49.♖f2 ♔xe5 50.♖e2+ ♔f6 51.♖f1+ ♔g7 52.♖e7+=

49...♖gxe6 50.♖f4+ ♔e5 51.♖f5+ ♔e4 52.♖f2 ♔e5 53.♖f5+ ♔e4 54.♖f2 ♔e5 55.♖f5+ 1/2-1/2

121. [C68]
Solak, Dragan (2628) - Adams, Michael (2744)
Reykjavik 2015 [Solak, Dragan]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗xc6 dxc6 5.O-O ♗g4 6.h3 h5 7.d3 ♕f6 8.♘bd2 ♘e7 9.♖e1 ♘g6 10.d4 ♘f4 11.dxe5 ♕g6 12.♘h4 ♗xd1 13.♘xg6 ♘xg6 14.♖xd1 O-O-O



15.e6

15.♖e1 - 103/(218)

15...fxe6 16.♖e1 ♘e5 17.♘b3

17.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 18.gxf3=

17...♗e7 18.♗d2 g5 19.♗c3 ♗d6 20.♖ad1

20.♘c1 g4 21.♗xe5 ♗xe5 22.♘d3 ♗d4 23.♔f1 c5∓

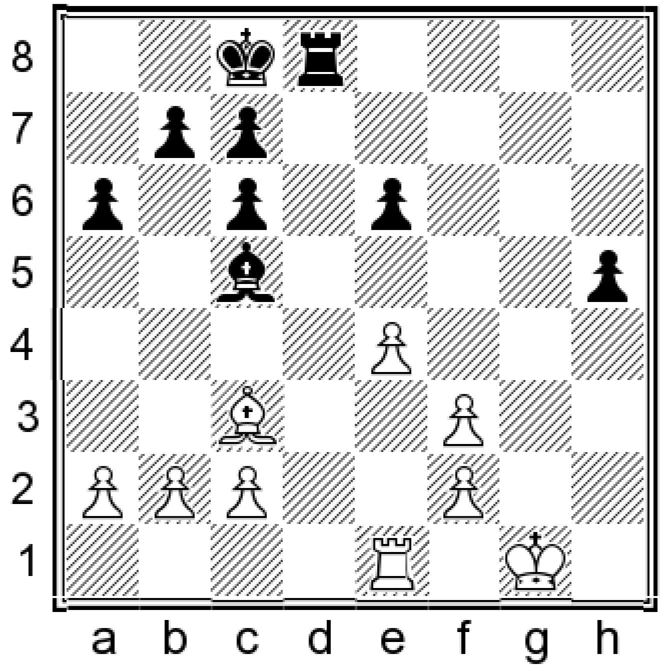
20...g4 21.♘c1

21.♗xe5 ♗xe5 22.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.c3 g3!∞

21...gxh3 22.♘d3

22.♗xe5 ♗xe5 23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♘d3 ♗d4 25.gxh3 c5 26.c4 b5 27.♖c1 ♗g7 28.♘xc5 ♖d2∞

22...♘xd3 23.♖xd3 ♖hf8 24.♖xh3 ♗c5 25.♖f3 ♖xf3 26.gxf3



26...♖g8+N

26...b5 27.a3 ♖g8+ 28.♔f1 h4 29.♗d2 ♗d4 30.c3 ♗f6=

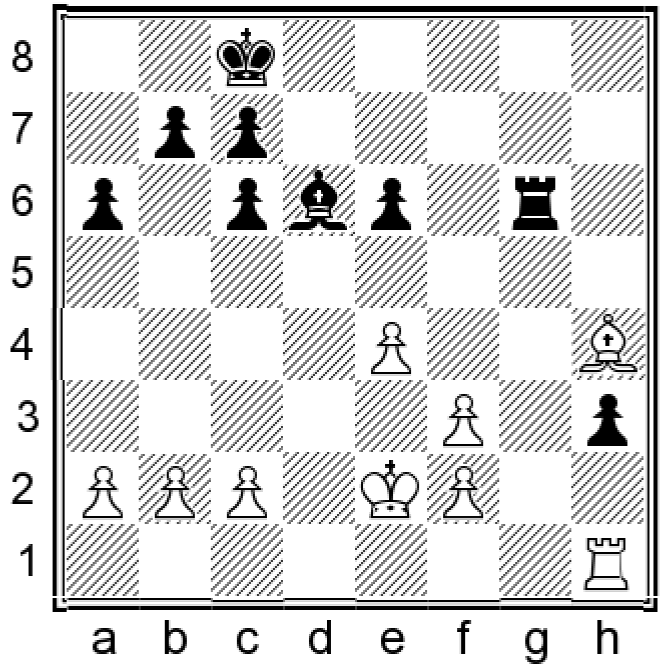
27.♔f1 h4 28.♗f6 h3 29.♔e2 ♖g6!

29...♖g2 30.♗h4 ♗d6 31.♖h1 h2 32.♔f1 ♖g6 33.♗g3 ♗xg3 34.fxg3 ♖xg3 35.♔f2±

30.♗h4

30.e5 ♔d7 31.♖h1 ♖h6 32.f4 ♔e8 33.♔f3 ♔f7 34.♔g4 ♗xf2 35.♖xh3 ♖xh3 36.♔xh3 ♔g6 37.♔g4=

30...♗d6 31.♖h1



31...b5??

31...♗f4! 32.♔f1 (32.♖xh3?? ♖h6∓) 32...e5! 33.♖xh3 ♖d6 34.♗g3 ♖d2 35.♗xf4 exf4 36.b4 ♖xc2 37.♖h8+ ♔d7 38.♖h7+ ♔d6 39.♖h6+ ♔d7 40.♖h7+=

32.♔e3! ♖h6 33.♗g5 ♖h5 34.f4± e5

RR34...h2 35.♔f3 ♗c5±

35.♔f3 exf4 36.♔g4 ♖h8 37.♖xh3 ♖g8 38.♔f5 c5 39.♗f6 c4 40.♖h8+- ♖xh8 41.♗xh8 ♗c5 42.f3 ♗e3 43.♔e6 ♗c1 44.♔f7 a5 45.♗g7 a4 46.e5 ♗xb2 47.e6 ♗a3 48.♗f8 1-0

122. !N [C72]
Sjugirov, Sanan (2646) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2748)
Doha 2015 [Sokolov, Ivan]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 d6 5.O-O ♗d7 6.c4 g5!?

6...♘ge7 - 66/285

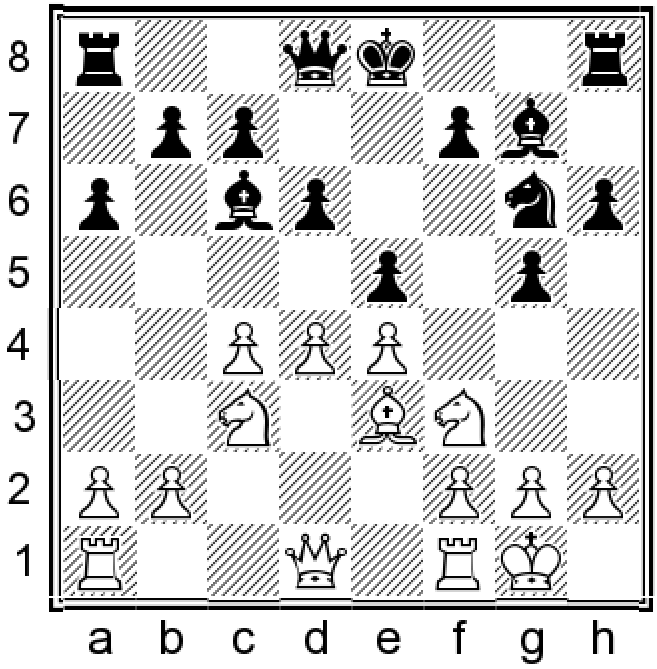
7.♗xc6!?

7.d3 h6 (7...g4!?) 8.♘c3 ♘ge7 9.♗e3 ♗g7 10.♘d5 O-O 11.♖e1 f5 12.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 (12...♕xe7) 13.♗xd7 ♕xd7 14.exf5 ♘xf5=

7...♗xc6

7...bxc6∞

8.♘c3 ♗g7 9.d3 h6 10.♗e3 ♘e7 11.d4 ♘g6



11...f5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♕e2 (13.♕b3 O-O 14.♖ad1 ♕e8 15.♗c5 ♖f7∞) 13...O-O 14.♖ad1 ♕e8 15.♗c5±

12.dxe5!N

12.d5 ♗d7 13.c5 f5∞ (13...♘f4!?)12.♘d5

12...dxe5

12...♘xe5 13.♘xe5 ♗xe5 14.♘d5 ♕d7 15.♖c1±

13.♕c2 O-O 14.♖ad1 ♕c8 15.♘d2

15.♘d5±

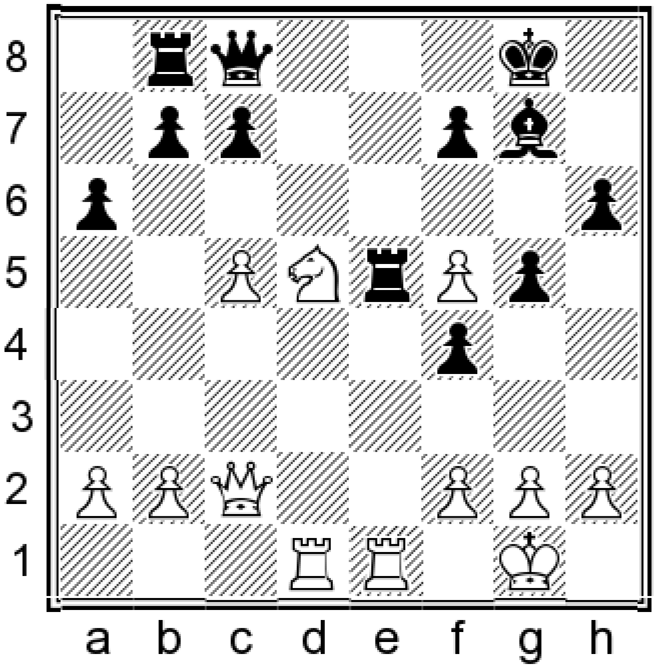
15...♘f4 16.♗xf4!? exf4 17.♘d5 ♖e8 18.♘f3 ♖b8?

18...♗xd5 19.exd5 (19.cxd5 c6 20.d6 (20.dxc6? ♕xc6∓) 20...♕d7∞) 19...♕d7 20.h3 (20.♘d4 ♖e5∞) 20...♖ad8=

19.♘d4 ♗d7

19...♗xd5 20.cxd5 c6 21.d6 ♕d7 22.♘f5→

20.c5 ♗e6 21.♘f5 ♗xf5 22.exf5 ♖e5 23.♖fe1

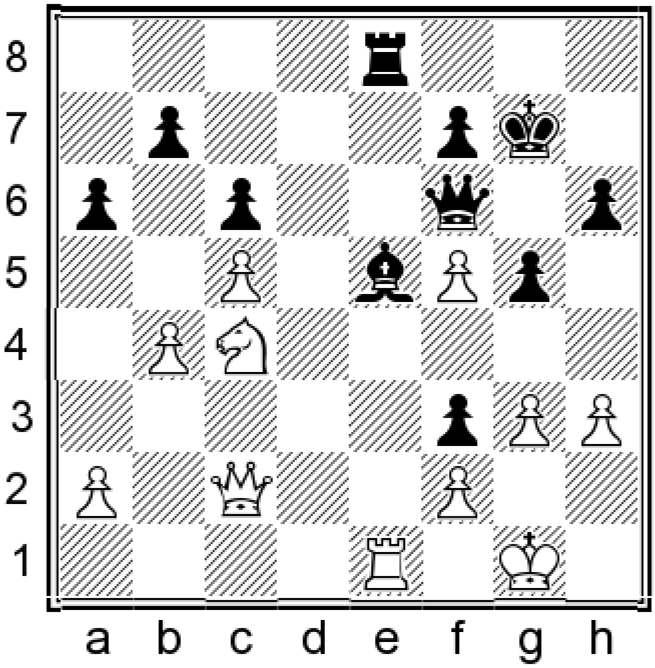


23...♕e8?!

23...♖xe1+! 24.♖xe1 ♕d8 25.♖d1 c6 26.♘xf4 ♕a5 (26...♕f6 27.♘h5 ♕xb2) 27.♘h5 ♖e8=

24.♕d2 c6 25.♘b6 ♔h8 26.♖xe5 ♗xe5 27.♘c4 ♕e7 28.b4 ♔g7 29.h3 ♗c7?!

29...♖e8!± 30.♖e1 ♕f6 31.♕c2 f3! 32.g3??



32...♗xg3-+ 33.♖xe8 ♕a1+

30.♖e1 ♕d8?

30...♕f6 31.♕d7 ♕d8 32.♖e7 ♕xd7 33.♖xd7 b5! 34.cxb6 ♗xb6± 35.♔f1 c5

31.♘d6+- ♗xd6 32.cxd6 ♕f6 33.d7 ♔f8 34.♕e2 ♖d8 35.♕e8+ ♔g7 36.♖e7 1-0

123. [C73]
Kantans, Toms (2514) - Nyysti, Sampsa (2353)
Reykjavik 2015 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

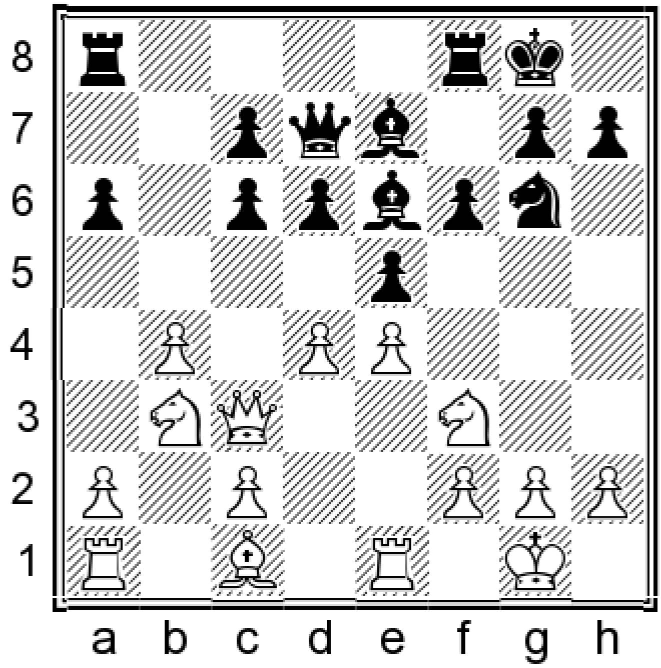
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 d6 5.♗xc6+ bxc6 6.d4 f6 7.O-O

7.♘c3 - 110/187

7...♘e7 8.♖e1 ♘g6 9.♕d3 ♗e6N

9...♗g4

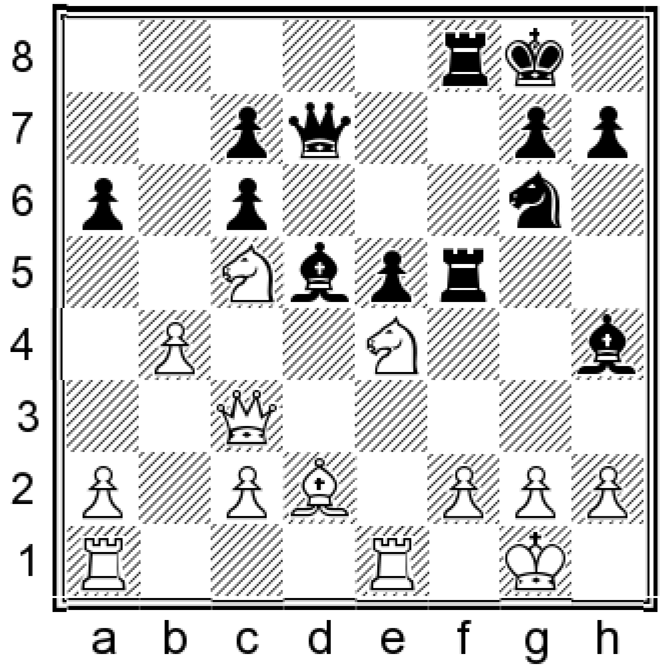
10.♘bd2 ♗e7 11.♕c3?! ♕d7 12.b4 O-O 13.♘b3



13...f5!↑ 14.exf5 ♖xf5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.♘fd2?!

16.♗b2 ♗d5 17.♖ad1 (17.♘xe5? ♖xe5 18.♖xe5 ♘xe5 19.♕xe5 ♗f6-+) 17...♖af8↑

16...♖af8 17.♘e4 ♗d5 18.♗d2 ♗h4! 19.♘bc5



19.g3 ♖f3 20.♖e3 ♘f4!-+ ∆ ♘h3

19...♗xf2+!

19...♗xf2+ 20.♘xf2 ♖xf2 21.♘xd7 ♖xg2+ 22.♔h1 ♖g3+-+0-1

124.* [C77]
Eliseev, Urii (2582) - Najer, Evgeniy (2664)
Moscow 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.d3 d6 7.c3 O-O 8.♘bd2 b5 9.♗c2 d5 10.♕e2

10.♖e1 - 119/(113)

10...d4 11.cxd4♘xd4 - 127/124

11...exd4N 12.a3 ♘d7 13.♖e1 ♘c5 14.♘f1 (14.♘b3 ♘e6∞) 14...a5 15.♘g3 b4 (15...a4!?) 16.b3 ♗e6 17.♕d1? (17.♗b2 ♕d7∓) 17...a4 18.axb4 ♘xb3 0-1 (18) Moldovan, D (2438) -Vajda, L (2568) Romania 127/(124) 2015

12.♘xd4 exd4 13.f4 c5N

13...♘g4

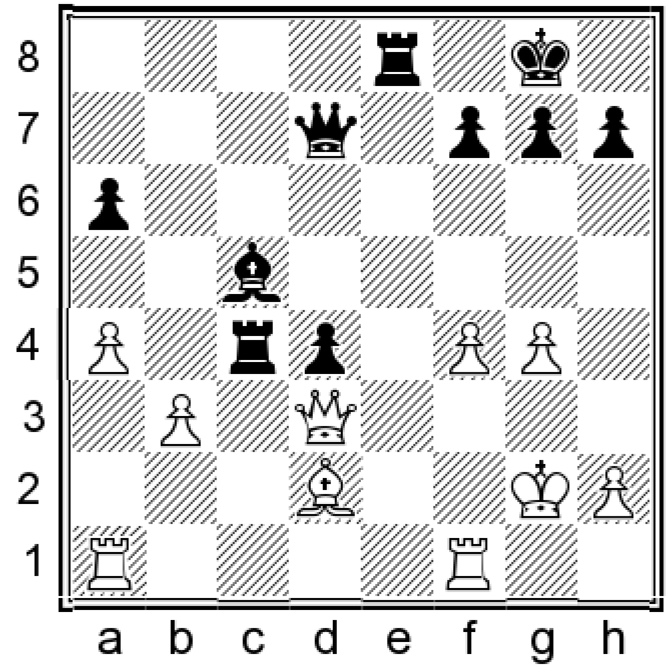
14.a4 ♗b7 15.g4 c4 16.dxc4 bxc4 17.♘xc4 ♖c8 18.♗d3

18.b3 ♖e8↑ Δ d3

18...♘xe4! 19.♗xe4 ♗xe4 20.♕xe4 ♖xc4 21.♗d2 ♗c5

21...♕d7!?

22.♔g2 ♕d7! 23.b3 ♖e8 24.♕d3



24...♖c2!

24...♕xg4+?! 25.♔h1 ♖e2 26.♖g1 ♕e6 27.♖g2 ♖xg2 28.♔xg2 ♖c3 29.♗xc3 dxc3±

25.♔g3

25.♕xc2 ♕xg4+ 26.♔h1 ♖e2-+

25...h5!

25...♖c3 26.♗xc3 ♖e3+ 27.♕xe3 dxe3 28.♖fd1 ♕c8∓

26.gxh5 ♖c3 27.♗xc3 ♖e3+ 28.♕xe3 dxe3 29.b4 ♗b6

29...e2!? 30.♖f3 ♕d1 31.♖xd1 exd1=Q 32.bxc5 ♕g1+ 33.♔h3 ♕xc5 34.f5 ♔h7 35.a5 f6-+

30.a5 ♗a7 31.♖f3 ♔h7!? 32.♖g1 ♕c6

32...♔h6!? 33.♔h4 e2 34.♖e1 (34.♖h1 ♕f5-+) 34...♕d1-+

33.♖c1 ♕d5-+ 34.♖g1

34.♗e1 ♕xh5 35.♔g2 ♕g4+ 36.♗g3 ♕f5-+

34...♕xh5 35.♔g2 ♕d5

⌓35...♕g6+! 36.♖g3 (36.♔h1 ♕c6 37.♖xg7+ ♔h6 38.♖g3 ♕xc3 39.♖g1 ♕c6-+) 36...♕c6+-+

36.♖e1 f6 37.h4 ♕d3 38.♖c1 ♕e4 39.♔g3 ♔g6 40.♗e1 ♗d4

40...♔h5 41.♖c8 ♕b1-+

41.b5 axb5 42.a6 ♔h5 43.♗b4 ♕e6 44.♔h2 ♕a2+ 45.♔h3 ♕xa6 46.f5 ♗e5?!

⌓46...♕a8-+

47.♖xe3 g5

47...♕a2 48.♖xe5 fxe5? 49.♖c8+-

48.hxg5 ♕a2 49.♖xe5

49.♖h1 ♗f4-+

49...fxe5 50.g6 ♕b3+ 51.♗c3 b4 52.g7 bxc3 53.♖g1 c2+ 54.♔h2 c1=Q

54...c1=Q 55.♖xc1 ♕b2+ 56.♔h3 ♕xc1 57.g8=Q ♕h1+ 58.♔g3 ♕g1+-+0-1

125. [C83]
Caruana, Fabiano (2787) - Wei, Yi (2706)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Marin, Mihail]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗e7 10.♗c2 ♗g4 11.h3 ♗h5

11...♗xf3 - 51/334

12.g4 ♗g6 13.♘d4N

13.♗b3

13...♕d7 14.f4

14.f3 ♘c5 15.♘f5 ♘e6 16.f4 h5⇄

14...♘xd4

14...♘g3 15.f5 ♘xf1 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.e6 ♕d6 18.exf7+ ♔d7 19.♕xf1 ♘xd4 20.cxd4 ♕g3+ 21.♕g2 ♕e1+ 22.♕f1 ♕g3+ 23.♕g2=

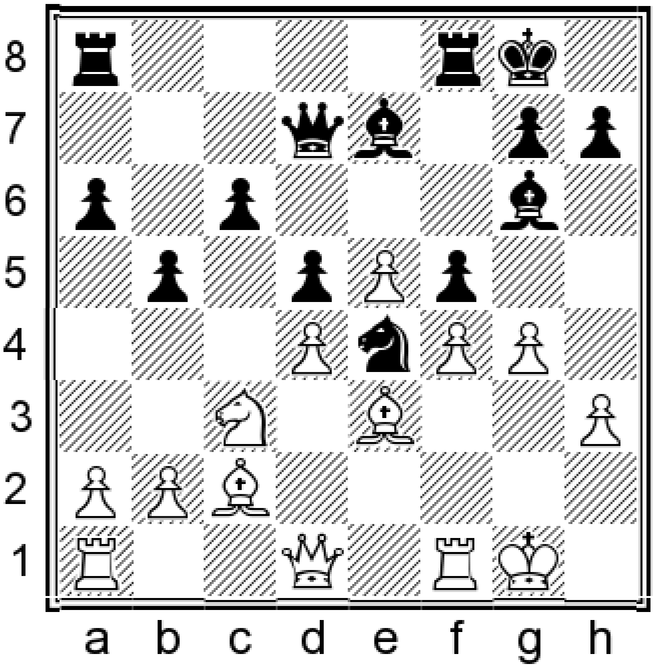
15.cxd4 f5 16.♗e3

16.♘c3 fxg4 17.♘xe4 (17.hxg4 ♘xc3 18.♗xg6+ hxg6 19.bxc3 O-O-O⇄) 17...♗xe4 18.♗xe4 dxe4 19.hxg4 O-O-O 20.♗e3 h5⇄

16...O-O

16...h5!? 17.g5 O-O=

17.♘c3 c6?!



17...♘xc3 18.bxc3 c5 19.dxc5 ♖ac8 20.♗b3 ♗f7 21.gxf5 ♕xf5 22.♕g4↑

18.♗xe4! dxe4

18...fxe4 19.f5±

19.d5! b4

19...cxd5 20.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 21.♘xd5 ♗d8 22.♖ac1 ♗f7 23.♖fd1 ♗e6 24.g5±

20.dxc6 ♕xd1?

20...♕xc6 21.♕d5+±

21.♘xd1+- ♖fd8 22.♖c1 ♖d3 23.♗c5

23.♔g2+-

23...♗d8 24.e6 ♖c8 25.e7 ♗a5 26.gxf5 ♗e8

26...♗xf5 27.♘e3 ♗xh3 28.♖f2+-

27.♘f2 ♖d5 28.♘xe4 ♗xc6

28...♖xc6 29.♖fd1+-

29.♗xb4 ♗xb4 30.♖xc6 ♖e8 31.f6 ♖d4 32.♖e6 1-0

126. [C83]
Hou, Yifan (2667) - Muzychuk, Mariya (2563)
Lviv 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗e7 10.♗c2 ♗g4 11.h3 ♗h5

12.g4 ♗g6 13.♘d4 ♘xd4N

13...♕d7 - 127/125

14.cxd4 h5! 15.f3

15.f4 hxg4 16.f5 ♗xf5 17.♖xf5 ♖xh3 18.♘c3 ♖g3+ 19.♔h2 (19.♔f1?! ♕d7 20.♖h5 ♕c6→) 19...♖h3+ 20.♔g2 ♖g3+=

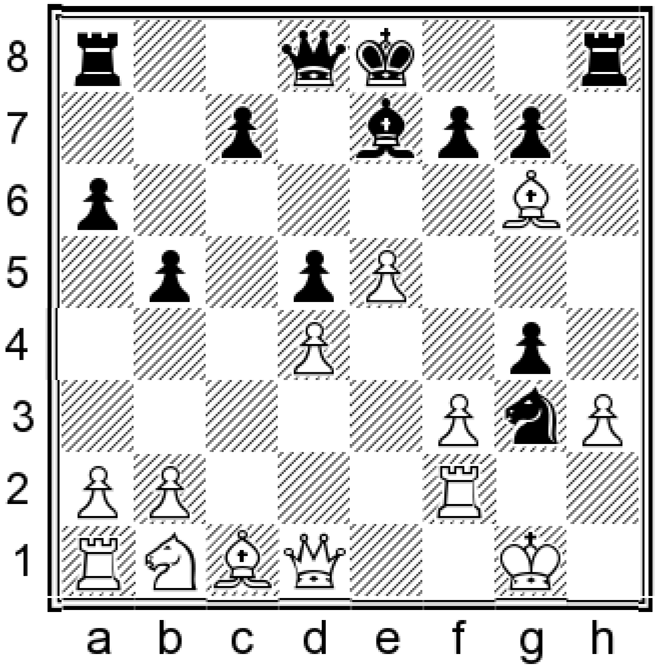
15...♘g3 16.♖f2

16.♗xg6 ♘xf1 17.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 18.♕xf1 c5∓

16...hxg4!

16...♗xc2 17.♕xc2 c5 18.♗f4 h4∞

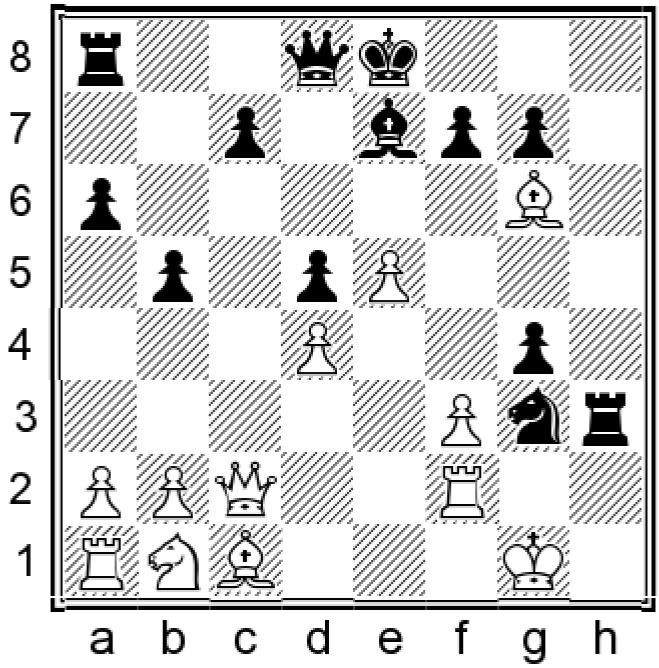
17.♗xg6



17...♖xh3!

17...fxg6?! 18.♕c2 O-O 19.hxg4± ×Ng3

18.♕c2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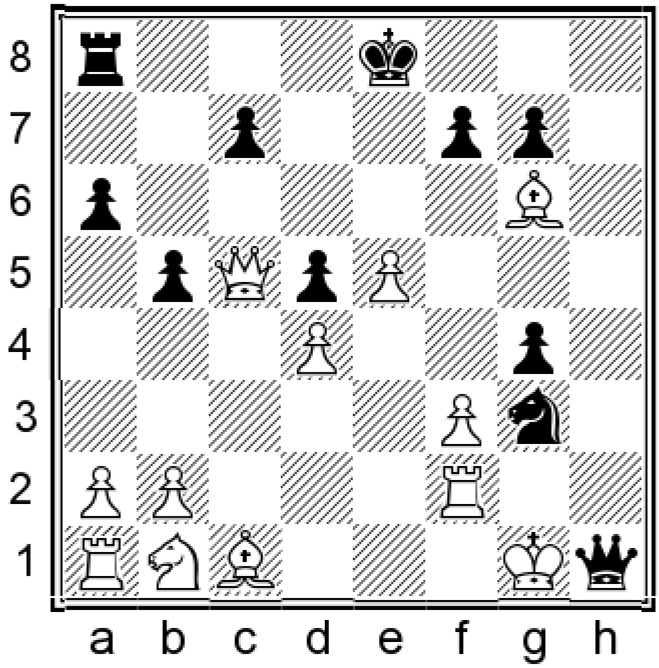
18...♗c5! 19.♕xc5

19.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 20.fxg4+ ♔g8 21.♕xc5 ♕h4 22.♕xd5+ ♔h7 23.♕xa8 ♖h1+ 24.♔g2 ♕h3+ 25.♔f3 ♖e1!-+

19...♖h1+ 20.♔g2 ♖h2+! 21.♔g1

21.♔xh2? ♕h4+ 22.♔g2 ♕h3+ 23.♔g1 ♕h1#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21.♔xg3 ♕h4+ 22.♔f4 gxf3+-+

21...♖h1+ 22.♔g2 ♖h2+ 1/2-1/2

127. [C83]
Hou, Yifan (2673) - Muzychuk, Mariya (2554)
Lviv (m/2) 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

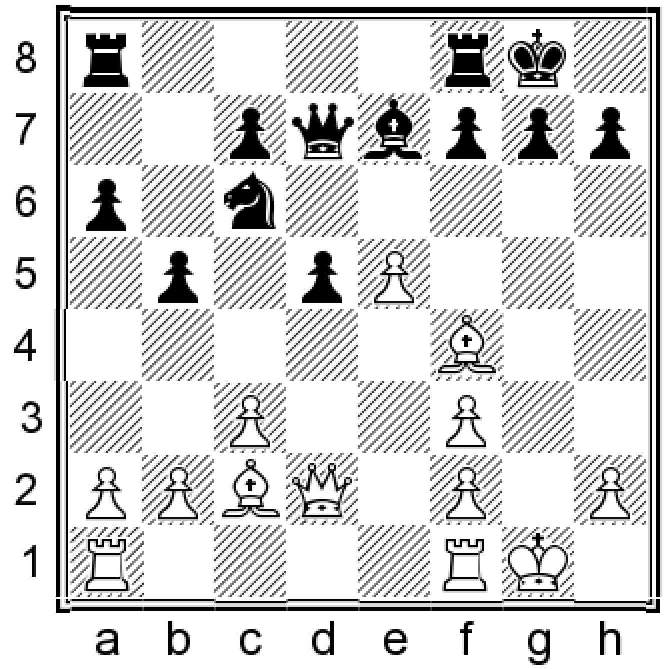
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♗e3 ♗e7 10.c3 O-O 11.♘bd2 ♕d7 12.♗c2 ♘xd2

12...f5 - 109/(206)

13.♕xd2 ♗g4 14.♗f4!?

14.♕d3 g6 15.♗h6 ♖fe8 16.♖fe1 ♗f5 17.♕d2 ♗xc2 18.♕xc2 ♘d8 19.♖ad1 ♘e6∞

14...♗xf3 15.gxf3



15...♖ad8N

15...♕e6

16.♖fd1 ♕e6

16...f5? 17.♗b3±

17.♕e3 ♖d7?!

17...♘a5!? 18.b3 c5∞17...♗h4!?

18.♗g3 g6

18...f5 19.exf6 ♕xf6 20.a4↑18...♘a5 19.♕d3 g6 20.f4 f5 21.exf6 ♖xf6 (21...♕xf6 22.♕f3 c6 23.♕g4↑) 22.♖e1 ♕f7 23.♗d1!↑

19.a4 ♘d8

19...♘a5 20.axb5 ♘c4 21.♕e2 axb5 22.b3 ♘a3 23.♗d3↑ ×Na319...b4 20.a5 (Δ Ba4) 20...bxc3 21.bxc3±

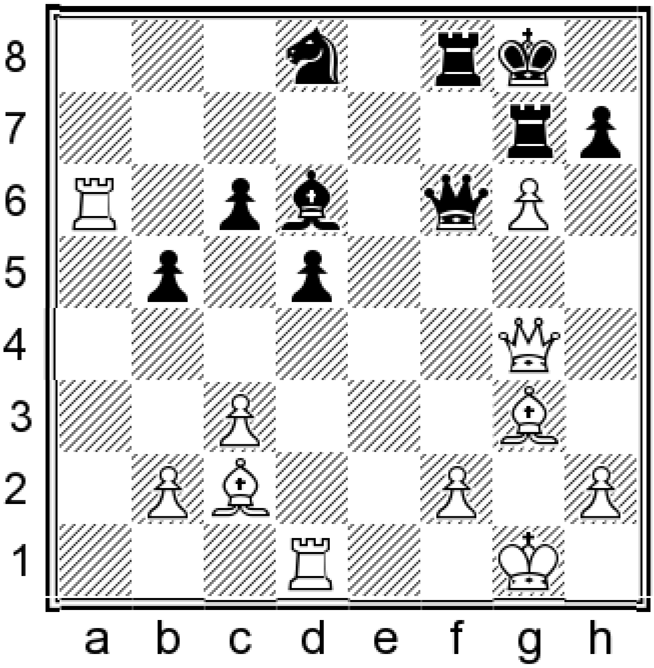
20.axb5 axb5 21.f4 f6 22.exf6 ♕xf6 23.♕e2!

23.f5 gxf5 24.♗e5 ♕e6 25.♔h1 ♗f6 26.♗f4±

23...c6 24.♕g4 ♖b7 25.f5↑ ♗d6 26.♖a6

26.♖f1! ×f2, Δ fg6

26...♖g7! 27.fxg6



27...♗c5?

⌓27...♗xg3 28.♕xg3 ♕e7 (28...hxg6 29.♖xd5 cxd5 30.♖xf6 ♖xf6 31.♕e5+-) 29.♔f1 hxg6 30.♖e1 ♕b7 31.♖aa1±

28.♔g2 hxg6?

28...♗xf2 29.♖f1+-28...♕e7 29.f4 hxg6 30.♗xg6+-

29.♖xd5!+- ♗xf2

29...cxd5 30.♖xf6 ♖xf6 31.♕g5+-

30.♗b3! ♘e6 31.♖d6 ♗c5 32.♕xe6+ 1-0

128.* [C83]**
Adams, Michael (2744) - So, Wesley (2773)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♘bd2 ♘c5 10.c3 ♗e7 11.♗c2 d4 12.♘b3 d3 13.♘xc5

13.♗b1 ♘xb3 14.axb3 ♗f5 15.♖e1 O-O 16.♗e3 ♕d5 17.♗d4 ♖fd8 18.♖e3 ♘xd4 19.cxd4 c5 20.♗xd3 cxd4 21.♖e2 (21.♗xf5? dxe3 22.♕xd5 ♖xd5 23.♗e4 ♖dd8 24.♗xa8? e2! 25.♘d4□ ♖xd4 26.♗f3 ♖d2 27.♖e1 ♖xb2 28.g3 ♖xb3∓ Marin, Mihail) 21...♕e6 22.♖d2N (22.h3) 22...♗xd3 23.♖xd3 ♗c5 24.♕d2 ♖d5 25.h3 h6 26.♕f4 ♖e8 27.♕d2 ♗a7 28.♖d1 ♗b8 29.♖e1 (29.♘xd4?! ♕xe5 30.♘f3 (30.g3? ♖ed8-+) 30...♖xd3 31.♕xd3 ♕xb2∓) 29...♗xe5 30.♘xe5 ♖xe5 31.♖xe5 ♕xe5 32.♖xd4= ½-½(32) Wei, Y (2706) -So, W (2773) Wijk aan Zee 127/(128) 2016

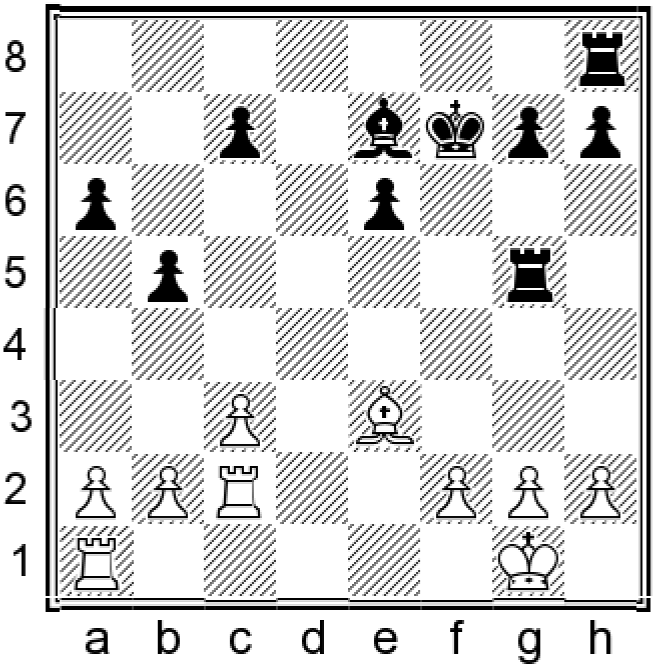
13...dxc2 14.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♗e3 ♖d5 17.♖fc1 ♘xe5 18.♘xe5 ♖xe5 19.♗d4 ♖g5

19...♖e2 20.♔f1 (20.♗xg7? ♖g8 21.♔f1 ♖d2 22.♗d4 ♗g5! 23.h4 ♗h6∓) 20...♖d2 21.♗e3 ♖d1+ 22.♖xd1 cxd1=Q+ 23.♖xd1 ♖f8 24.♔e2 ♖f5=

20.♖xc2 ♔f7

20...O-O?! 21.♖e2↑

21.♗e3



21...♖h5N

21...♖g4 - 100/(245)21...♖e5 22.c4 b4 23.♖d1 ♖d8 24.♖xd8 ♗xd8 25.♖d2 (25.♔f1 ♗g5 26.♗d4 ♖a5 27.b3 ♗f6 28.♗e3 ♗g5N (28...♖h5) 29.f4 ♗e7 30.g4 h5 31.h3 g6 32.♔e2± Carlsen, M (2844) -Ding, L (2766) Wijk aan Zee 127/(128) 2016) 25...♗f6 26.♔f1N (26.b3) 26...♔e7 27.b3 ♗g5 28.♗d4 ♖f5 29.♖c2 ♗f6= Bacrot, E (2697) -Sethuraman, S (2639) Gibraltar 127/(128) 2016

22.a4?!

22.c4! ♗d6 23.g3 (23.h3 ♖b8 24.b3±) 23...♖b8 24.b3 bxc4 25.♖xc4±

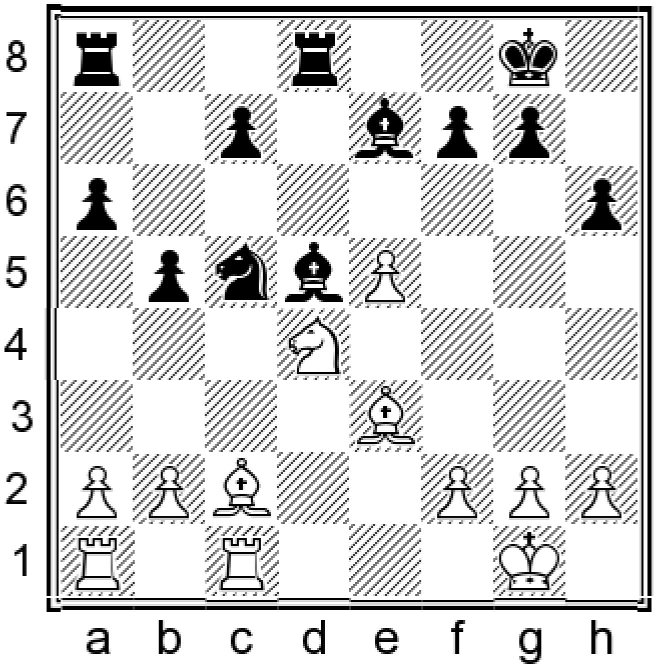
22...♖d8 23.axb5 axb5 24.g3 ♗c5 25.♗xc5 ♖xc5 26.♖e2 ♔e7 27.♔g2 ♖cd5 28.♖a7 ♖8d7 29.h4 h6 30.♔f3 ♖f5+ 31.♔g2 ♖fd5 32.♔f3 ♖f5+ 33.♔g2 1/2-1/2

129.* [C83]
Hou, Yifan (2667) - Muzychuk, Mariya (2563)
Lviv (m/7) 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♘bd2 ♗e7 10.c3 ♘c5 11.♗c2 d4 12.cxd4 ♘xd4 13.♘xd4 ♕xd4 14.♘f3 ♕xd1 15.♖xd1 O-O 16.♗e3

16.♘d4 ♖fd8 17.♗e3 ♗d5 18.♖ac1 ♘e6 19.♘f5 ♗f8 20.a3 b4N (20...♗b7) 21.axb4 ♗xb4 22.♘d4 a5 23.f4 (23.♗a4±) 23...g6 24.f5 ♘xd4 25.♗xd4 ♗f3!? 26.gxf3 ♖xd4 27.♗e4 (27.♖xd4 ♗c5=) 27...♖xd1+ 28.♖xd1 ♖e8= Vachier Lagrave, M (2785) -Sethuraman, S (2639) Gibraltar 127/ (129) 2016

16...♖fd8 17.♖dc1 h6 18.♘d4 ♗d5



19.♗d1N

19.f4

19...♘d3 20.♖xc7 ♗f8

20...♗g5 21.♗xg5 hxg5 22.e6 fxe6 23.♘c6 (23.♗g4 ♖d6∞) 23...♖d6 24.♘e7+ ♔f8 25.♘g6+ ♔g8 26.♗c2 Δ♘xb2 27.♘e7+ ♔h8 (27...♔f8 28.♗h7↑) 28.♖b1 ♘d3! 29.♗xd3 ♗xa2 30.♖d1 ♖ad8 31.♘g6+ (31.♖c8 ♖xc8 32.♘xc8 ♖d8 33.♘e7 ♗b3 (33...♗c4 34.♘g6+ ♔g8 35.♘e5±) 34.♖d2 ♗c4 35.♘g6+ ♔g8 36.♘e7+ ♔f8 37.♘g6+ ♔f7 38.f4! ♗xd3 39.♘e5+ ♔f6 40.g3 gxf4 41.gxf4 ♔f5=∞) 31...♔g8 32.♘e7+ (32.♘e5 ♗c4 33.f3 a5 (33...♗xd3? 34.♘f7±) 34.♖a7 a4 35.♔f2 ♖xd3 36.♘xd3 ♖xd3 37.♖xd3 ♗xd3=) 32...♔h8=

21.e6 fxe6 22.♗g4 ♖e8 23.b3 ♗d6 24.♖c2 ♘e5 25.♗e2

25.♗h5 ♖ec8 26.♖ac1 ♖xc2 27.♖xc2 g6 28.♗e2 h5∞

25...♗e4

25...♖ec8 26.♖ac1 ♖xc2 27.♖xc2 ♔f7 28.f4 ♘d7±

26.♖d2 ♗b4 27.♖dd1 ♗d5 28.♖ac1 ♖ac8 29.h4

29.f4!?

29...♗a3! 30.♖c2 ♖xc2 31.♘xc2 ♗e7 32.h5 ♖c8 33.♘d4 ♔f7 34.f3 ♗f6

34...♖c3 35.♗d2 ♖c8=

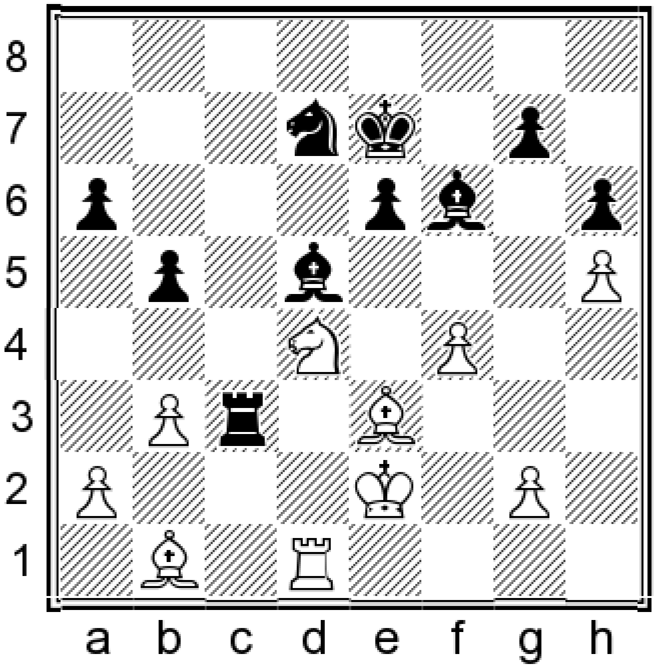
35.♔f2 ♖c3 36.f4 ♘d7

36...♘c6 37.♘xc6 ♗xc6 38.♗d3 e5 39.♗g6+ ♔e6 40.♗d2↑ Δ f5, ♗b4

37.♗d3 ♔e7 38.♗b1 ♗h4+?!

⌓38...♔f7

39.♔e2 ♗f6



40.g4?

40.♘f5+! ♔f7 41.♗d2 ♖c7 42.♘e3±

40...♗xd4! 41.♗xd4

41.♖xd4 ♘f6 42.g5 hxg5 43.fxg5 ♘xh5 44.♔d2 ♖c6 45.♗d3=∞

41...♖h3!

41...♗f3+ 42.♔d2 ♗xd1 43.♔xc3 ♘f6! (43...♗xg4 44.♗xg7 ♗xh5 45.♗xh6 ♘b6 46.♗e4 ♘d5+ 47.♔d4±) 44.g5 ♘d5+ 45.♔d2 ♗xh5 46.♗xg7 hxg5 47.fxg5 ♔f7 48.♗d4 ♗g6=

42.♖c1?!

42.♖g1

42...♗f3+ 43.♔f2 ♗xg4

43...♘f6! 44.♗xf6+ (44.♖c7+ ♔d8 45.♖xg7 ♘xg4+ 46.♔f1 ♖h2∓) 44...♔xf6 45.♖g1 ♗d5 46.g5+ ♔e7 47.gxh6 gxh6 48.♖g7+ ♔d6 49.♖a7 ♖xh5 50.♖xa6+ ♔c5∓

44.♗xg7 ♖xh5 45.♔g3 ♗f5 46.♗xf5 ♖xf5 47.♗xh6 ♖c5 48.♖f1?!

48.♖xc5 ♘xc5 49.♔g4 ♘d3 50.f5 ♘b4 51.a4=

48...♘f6

⌓48...♖c3+!?

49.♗g5 ♔f7 50.♗xf6 ♔xf6 51.b4?!

51.♖f2 ♔f5 52.♖e2 ♖c3+ 53.♔f2=

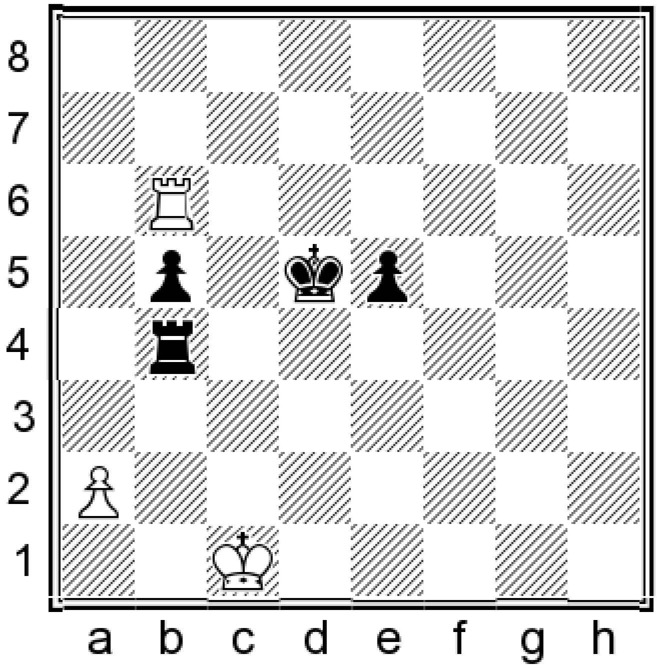
51...♖c4 52.♖f3 ♔f5!

52...♖xb4 53.♖a3 ♖a4 54.♖xa4 bxa4 55.♔f3=

53.♖a3 ♖xf4 54.♖xa6 ♖xb4 55.♖b6 ♔e5 56.♔f3 ♔d5 57.♔e3 e5 58.♔d2 ♖b2+?

58...♔c5 59.♖e6 ♔d4 60.♖d6+ ♔e4 61.♖b6 ♔f3∓

59.♔c1 ♖b4



59...♔c5 60.♖e6 ♖e2 61.♔d1 ♖e4 62.a3 ♖e3 63.♔d2 ♔d4 64.♖d6+ ♔e4 65.♖b6 ♖d3+ 66.♔e2 ♖b3 67.♔d2 ♔f4 68.♖f6+ ♔g4 69.♖e6 ♔f5 70.♖b6 e4 71.♖b8=

60.a3! ♔c5 61.♖e6 ♖e4

61...♖c4+ 62.♔d2= (62.♔b2? ♔d4-+)

62.♔c2

62.♔d2

62...♔d4 63.♖d6+ ♔c4

63...♔e3 64.♖d5 ♖c4+ 65.♔b3 e4 66.♖xb5 ♔d4 67.♖b8=

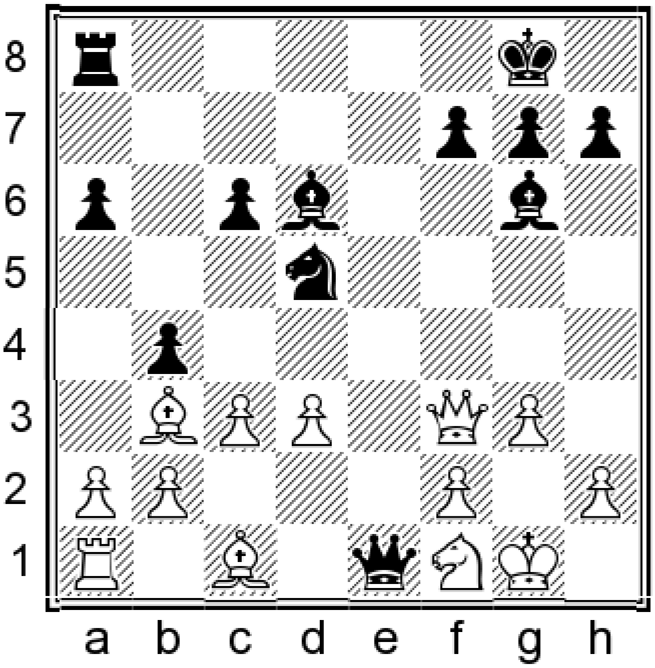
64.♖c6+ ♔d5 65.♖b6 ♖c4+ 66.♔d2 ♔c5 67.♖b8 ♖a4 68.♖c8+ ♔d4 69.♖b8 ♖a5 70.♖d8+ ♔c4 71.♖e8 ♔d4 72.♖d8+ ♔e4 73.♖b8 ♖xa3 74.♖xb5= ♔f4 75.♖b8 ♔f3 76.♖f8+ ♔e4 77.♖b8 ♖a2+ 78.♔e1 ♔f4 79.♖b3 e4 80.♖c3 e3 81.♖c8 1/2-1/2

130. [C89]
Ivanchuk, Vassily (2720) - Svidler, Peter (2745)
Reykjavik 2015 [Milanovic, Danilo]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xe5 ♘xe5 11.♖xe5 c6 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5 14.♕f3 ♖e8

14...♕h4 - 127/129

15.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 16.♘d2 ♕e1+ 17.♘f1 ♗g6 18.g3 b4



19.h4?!N

19.♗xd5 cxd5 - 89/319

19...h5 ×g4 **20.c4 ♘f6 21.♗d1 ♖e8 22.♗d2?**

22.d4 c5 23.♗d2 ♕e6 24.d5 ♕h3 25.♕g2 ♕f5 26.♕f3=

22...♕e5 23.♖c1 ♗c5

23...♕xb2 24.c5 ♗e5 25.♗b3 ♗d4↑

24.a3 a5

24...♘g4!∓

25.axb4

25.♕xc6 ♗xd3∓

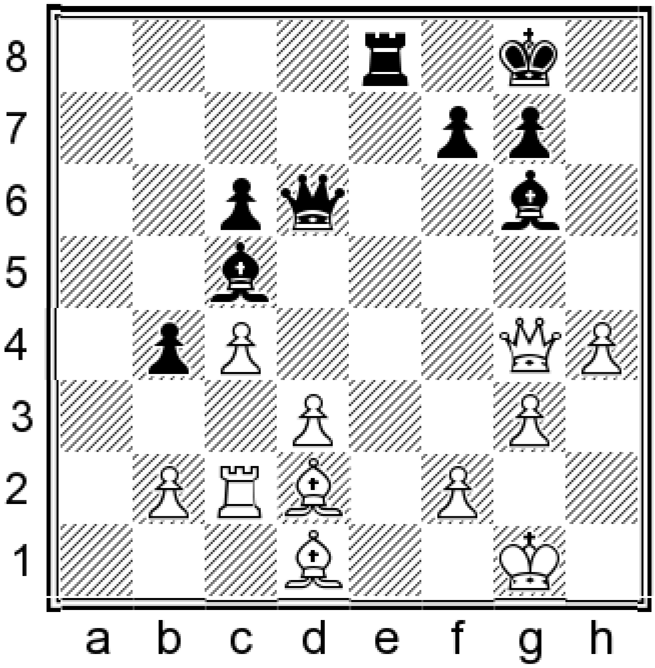
25...axb4 26.♖c2

26.♕xc6 ♗xd3 27.♗f3 ♖e6 28.♕b5 (28.♕a8+ ♔h7 29.b3 ♗e4 30.♗xe4+ ♘xe4-+) 28...♗e4 29.♖e1 (29.♗xe4 ♘xe4 30.♗e3 ♗xe3 31.♘xe3 ♕xb2-+) 29...♕f5-+

26...♘g4 27.♘e3

27.♗f4 ♕d4 28.♖e2 (28.♖d2 ♖e1-+) 28...♖xe2 29.♕xe2 ♕xf2+ 30.♕xf2 ♘xf2 31.♗e3 ♗xe3 32.♘xe3 ♘xd3 33.b3 f6∓

27...♕d6-+ 28.♘xg4 hxg4 29.♕xg4



29...♗h5!

29...♕xd3-+

30.♕xh5 ♕xg3+ 31.♔h1 ♕xf2

31...♕xf2 32.♕g4 ♕f1+ 33.♔h2 ♗d6+-+0-1

131. [C89]
Wei, Yi (2706) - Carlsen, Magnus (2844)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Marin, Mihail]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xe5 ♘xe5 11.♖xe5 c6 12.d3 ♗d6 13.♖e1 ♗f5

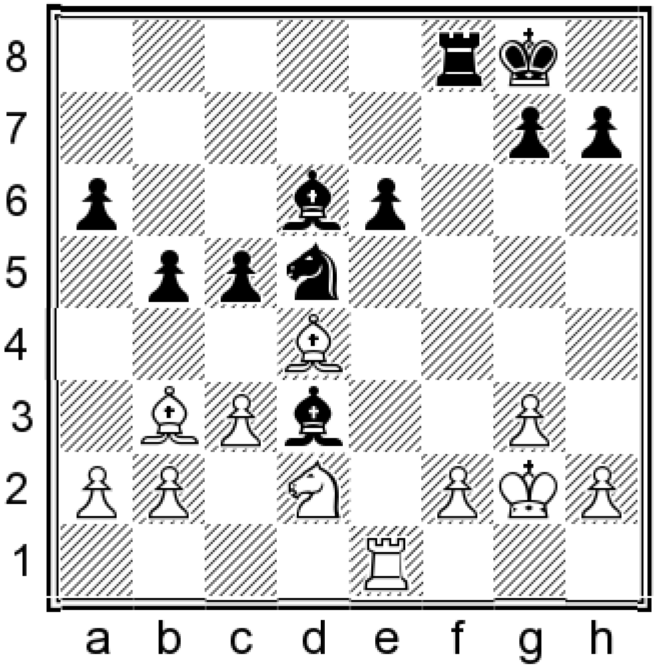
13...♕h4

14.♕f3 ♕h4 15.g3 ♕h3 16.♗e3 ♗xd3 17.♘d2 ♕f5 18.♗d4 ♖ae8 19.♔g2 ♕xf3+N

19...h6 - 125/106

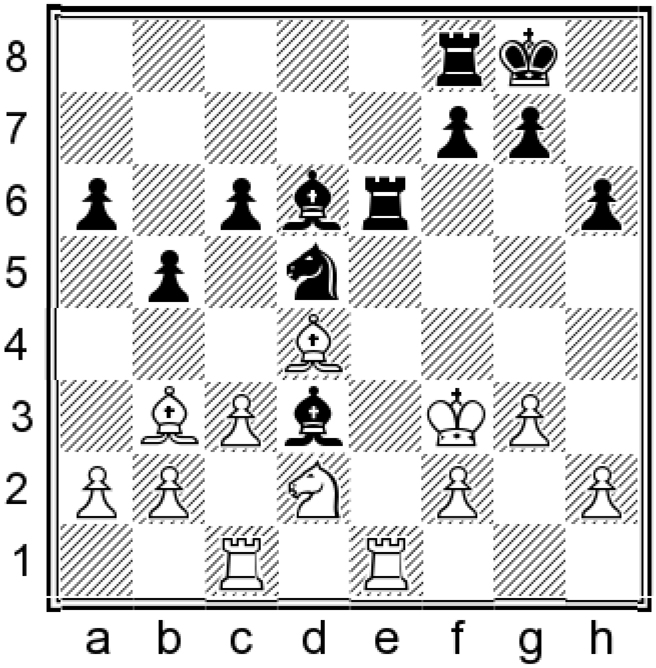
20.♔xf3 ♖e6!? 21.♖ac1

21.a4 bxa4 22.♗xa4 c5⇄21.♖xe6 fxe6+ 22.♔g2 c5 23.♖e1



23...♗f4! (23...cxd4 24.♖xe6±) (23...♔f7 24.♗e5⩲) 24.♗xc5 ♗xd2 25.♖xe6 ♖d8 26.♖xa6=∞

21...h6



21...♖fe8? 22.♖xe6 ♖xe6 23.c4±21...a5 22.c4 (22.a3 a4 23.♗a2) 22...bxc4 23.♗xc4 (23.♘xc4?? a4-+) 23...♗b4 24.♖ed1 ♗xd2 25.♖xd2 ♗e4+ 26.♔e2 ♗g2+ 27.♔d1 a4∞

22.♔g2

22.♗xd5?! cxd5 23.♘b3? ♗e4+ 24.♔e2 ♗b1+ 25.♔d2 ♗xa2∓22.c4 ♖xe1 (22...♘b4 23.♖xe6 fxe6+ 24.♔e3±) (22...c5 23.cxd5 ♖xe1 24.♖xe1 cxd4 25.♘e4 ♗xe4+ 26.♖xe4 ♗c5 27.♔e2 ♖c8 28.♔d3 ♔f8 29.♖e2⩲) 23.♖xe1 ♘f6=22.a3 a5 (22...g5 23.♔g2⩲) 23.c4 c5 (23...♖xe1 24.♖xe1 ♘f6 25.c5 ♗b8 26.♖e7⩲) 24.cxd5 ♖xe1 25.♖xe1 cxd4 26.♘e4 ♗xe4+ 27.♖xe4 ♗c5 28.♔e2 a4 29.♗a2 ♖c8 30.♔d3⩲

22...♖g6

22...a5 23.♖xe6 (23.c4 ♖xe1 24.♖xe1 ♘b4∞) (23.a3 a4 24.♗a2 ♖fe8 25.♖xe6 ♖xe6 26.c4 bxc4 27.♗xc4 ♖e2 28.♘f1 ♗e4+ 29.♔g1 ♖c2 30.♖xc2 ♗xc2=) 23...fxe6 24.c4 a4! 25.♗d1 c5 26.cxd5 cxd4 27.dxe6 ♗b4 28.♗f3 ♗xd2 29.♖d1 ♗c4 30.♖xd2 ♗xe6=

23.♘e4

23.♗xd5 cxd5 24.♗e5 ♗c5 25.♘b3 ♗b6 26.♗d4±

23...♘f4+ 24.♔f3 ♗xe4+ 25.♖xe4

25.♔xe4 c5 26.♗xc5 (26.gxf4 cxd4 27.cxd4 ♖g4∓) 26...♗xc5 27.♔xf4 ♖f6+ 28.♔g4 ♖xf2=

25...♘d3 26.♖d1

26.♖b1 c5 27.♗e3 ♖d8 28.♗c2 f5 29.♖h4 ♗f8∞ ×Rh4

26...♘xb2 27.♖d2 ♗a3= 28.♗b6 ♖d6 29.♖xd6 ♗xd6 30.♖e2 ♘d3 31.♖d2 ♘e5+ 32.♔g2 ♗e7 33.f4 ♘c4 34.♗xc4 bxc4 35.♖d7 ♗f6 36.♖c7 ♗xc3 37.♖xc6 ♖b8 38.a4

38.♖xc4 ♖xb6 39.♖xc3 ♖b2+ 40.♔f3 ♖xa2 41.♖c8+ ♔h7 42.♖a8∓

38...♗b2

38...a5 39.♔f3 (39.♖xc4 ♖xb6 40.♖xc3 ♖b4 41.♖a3∓) 39...♗b4 40.♗d4 c3 41.♔e4=

39.♗a5 c3 40.♗xc3 ♗xc3 41.♖xc3 ♖b4 42.a5 ♖b5 43.♖a3 ♖b2+ 44.♔h3 f5 45.♖c3 ♖b5 46.♖a3 g5

46...♔f7 47.♔h4↑

47.fxg5 hxg5 48.♔g2 ♔g7 49.h4 g4 50.♖c3 ♖xa5 51.♖c6 ♖a2+ 52.♔g1 a5 53.♖a6 a4 54.♔h1 ♔f7 55.♔g1 ♖a1+ 56.♔g2 ♖a3 57.♔h2 ♖a2+ 58.♔g1 ♔e7 59.♔h1 a3 60.♔g1

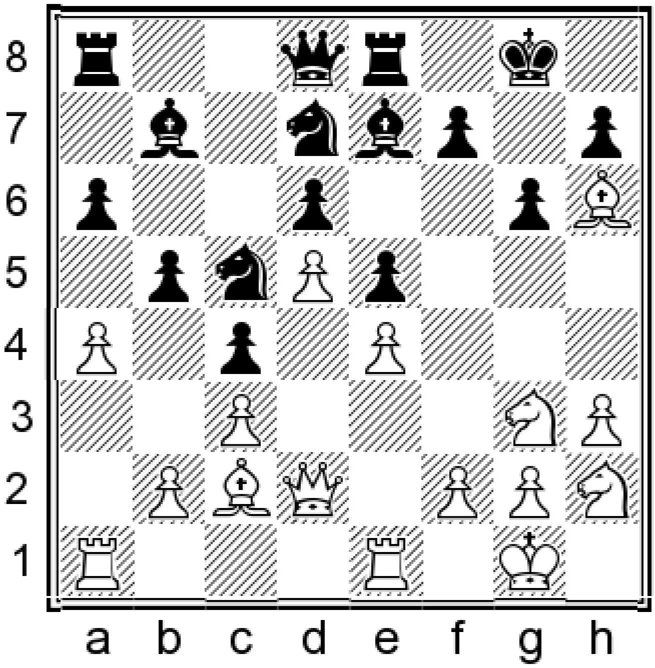
60.♔g1 ♔d7 61.♔h1 (61.♖f6?? ♖b2-+) 61...♔c7 62.♔g1 ♔b7 63.♖a4 ♔b6 64.h5=1/2-1/2

132.* [C95]
Almasi, Zoltan (2689) - Sammalvuo, Tapani (2422)
Reykjavik 2015 [Sammalvuo, Tapani]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♘b8 10.d4 ♘bd7 11.♘bd2 ♗b7 12.♗c2 ♖e8 13.♘f1 ♗f8 14.♘g3 g6 15.a4 c5 16.d5 c4 17.♗g5 ♘c5!?

17...h6 18.♗e3 ♘c5 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗xc5!?∞ - 126/118

18.♕d2 ♗e7 19.♗h6 ♘fd7 20.♘h2



20.♕e2 ♘b6 21.axb5 (21.a5 ♘ba4⇄ ×a5) 21...axb5∞

20...♘xa4!

20...bxa4?! 21.♕e3!→ Bologan, Viktor20...♖b8 21.♖f1 ♗c8 22.axb5 axb5 23.♘g4→ (23.♔h1 - 27/319)20...♘b6 21.axb5 axb5 22.♖xa8 ♕xa8 23.f4→

21.♗xa4 bxa4 22.♖xa4

22.♕e2!? ♘c5! (22...♘b6 23.♘g4 ♗c8 24.♗e3 (24.f4 ♗h4 25.♕f3 exf4 26.♗xf4 ♗xg4 27.♕xg4 a3!∞ 28.♖xa3 ♘xd5) 24...♗g5! 25.♗xb6 ♕xb6 26.♖xa4 ♗d7=) 23.♗e3!? (23.♕xc4?! ♗g5 24.♗xg5 ♕xg5 25.♘f3 ♕e7∓) 23...♘d3 24.♖ed1 a5 25.♖xa4 ♗a6 26.♖aa1 ♗b5 27.♘g4 ♗f8=

22...a5! 23.♘g4

23.♖xc4? ♘b6

23...♗a6 24.♗e3

24.f4 ♘c5 25.♖a2 ♗c8 26.f5 ♗h4 27.♕e3 f6=

24...♗f8 25.♖aa1N - 127/132

25.♖a3 ♗b5 26.♗h6 ♔h8 27.♗g5 f6 28.♗e3 a4∞25.♘h6+N ♗xh6 26.♗xh6 ♘c5 27.♖a2 f6 28.♖f1 ♘d3 29.f4 ♗c8 30.♔h2 ♖a7∞ Goganov, A (2597) -Maletin, P (2569) Khanty_Mansiysk (m/3-rapid) 127/(132) 2015

25...♗b5 26.♘h6+

26.♖f1?! ×c5 26...h5 27.♘h6+ ♗xh6 28.♗xh6 ♘c5 29.♕e2 (29.♕e3?! ♔h7! 30.f4? ♔xh6 31.fxe5+ ♕g5-+) (29.♖ae1?! ♘d3 30.♖e3 ♔h7∓) 29...♕e7∓ ×b2

26...♗xh6 27.♗xh6 f6 [∆ Re7-f7]

27...♘c5 28.♕e3 f6 (28...♘d3 29.♖f1 f6 (29...♘xb2? 30.♖fb1+-) 30.♘f5!∞) 29.♖f1 (29.f4? exf4 30.♕xf4 (30.♗xf4 g5∓) 30...♘d3∓) (29.♘f5?! ♖a7) 29...♗a4! (29...♖e7 30.f4↑ ∆♖f7? 31.fxe5+-) (29...♘d3 30.♘f5!→) (29...♖a7 30.f4 ♖f7 31.fxe5 ♖xe5□ 32.♗f4 ♖e8 33.e5! fxe5 34.♗h6 ♖xf1+ 35.♖xf1⯹) 30.f4 ♗c2 31.fxe5 ♖xe5=

28.f4

28.♗e3 a4 29.h4 (29.f4 exf4 30.♗xf4 ♘c5 31.♖ab1 ♘d3 32.♖f1 ♗d7!?=) 29...h5=

28...♖e7

⌓28...♘c5 29.fxe5 dxe5 30.♕e3 ♕e7 (30...♕d6?! 31.♘f5!) 31.♖f1 ♖a6 32.♖f3 ♘d3=

29.♖f1

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29...♖f7

29...exf4?! 30.♕xf4 ♕b6+ 31.♔h2 ♖f7 32.♘e2 ♖e8 33.♕h4!↑

30.f5 ♘c5 31.♕e2 ♗d7!

31...♘d3? 32.fxg6 hxg6 33.♕g4 ♔h7 34.♗g5! ♖aa7 35.♕h4+ ♔g7 36.♘f5+! gxf5 37.♖xf5 fxg5 38.♖xg5+ ♕xg5 39.♕xg5+ ♔h7□ 40.♕h4+ ♔g7 41.♕d8±

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32...♘d3!

32...♕b6? 33.♖f2±

33.b3

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38...hxg6 39.♖fb1?!

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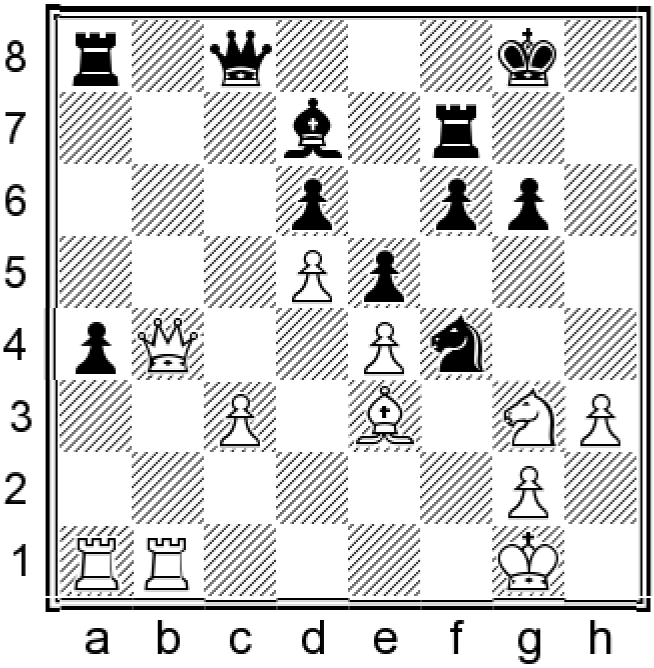

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42.♕b5!

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42...♕xh3 43.♗f2!

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43...♘f4?!

43...♘xf2! 44.♔xf2 ♕h2+ 45.♔f3 f5 46.exf5 ♖c8 (46...♖af8 47.♕e2 (47.♖h1 ♖xf5+-+) 47...♕h3-+) 47.♖c1 e4+ 48.♘xe4 ♖xf5+ 49.♔e3 ♕f4+ 50.♔d4 ♖e5 51.♖e1 ♖xe4+ 52.♖xe4 ♕d2+ 53.♕d3 ♕f2+ 54.♕e3 ♕f6+ 55.♔d3 ♖xc3+-+

44.♕f1 ♕h4

44...♕h6!?

45.♖a2

45.♗e1 f5 46.♕f3 ♘h3+ 47.♔g2 ♖h7-+

45...f5

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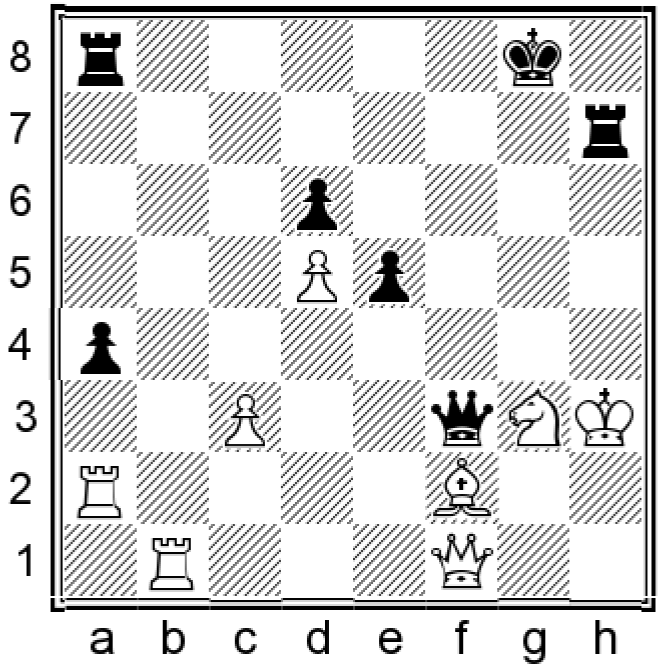

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47...♖h7⊕

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48...e4?

48...♔h8 49.♖ab2 ♖g8 50.♖b8 ♘h3+ 51.♔g2 ♕e4+ 52.♕f3 ♘f4+ 53.♔f2 ♘d3+-+

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49...♖g7 50.♖b7 ♖g6?

50...♖xg3+ 51.♗xg3 ♕xg3+ 52.♔h1 a3! 53.♖b8+ (53.♖a2 e3-+) 53...♖xb8 54.♖xb8+ ♔h7 55.♖a8 e3-+

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52.♖bh7?

52.♔h1!+-

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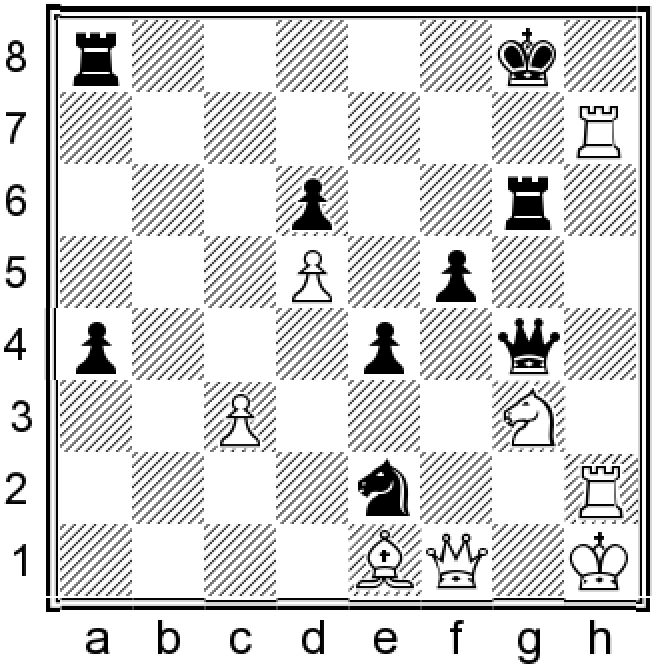

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54.♗xg3+- ♖f8

54...♕xg3 55.♖h8++-

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3...♗f5 - 121/117

4.♘b5!? ♘a6

4...♗d6 5.♘xd6+ cxd6 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♘f3 h6 8.h3

5.e3 c6

5...♗e7 6.♘f3 O-O 7.♗e2 (7.c4 c5⇄) 7...c5 (7...♗d7 8.♘e5 c5 9.O-O ♗xb5 10.♗xb5 ♘c7 11.♗e2 ♘e4 12.f3⩲) 8.O-O ♘h5 9.♗e5 f6 10.♗g3 ♘xg3 11.hxg3 ♗d7 12.c4 cxd4 (12...♗xb5 13.cxb5 ♘b8 14.♕c2 ♘d7 15.e4⩲) 13.exd4 ♘c7 14.♘xc7 ♕xc7 15.♖c1 ♗c6 16.♕b3 ♕d7 17.♖fe1±5...♗b4+!? 6.c3 ♗e7 7.a4 O-O 8.h3 c6 9.♘a3 ♘e4 10.♗d3 f6!? 11.♘f3 e5 12.dxe5 ♘ac5 13.exf6 (13.♗c2 fxe5 14.♗xe5 (14.♘xe5? g5∓) 14...♕e8 15.O-O ♕g6 16.♗g3 ♗f5 17.♘e5 ♕e6=∞) 13...♘xd3+ 14.♕xd3 ♗xf6 15.O-O ♕e7 16.♘c2 (16.♘d4 ♗h4 17.f3 ♘c5∞) 16...♘c5 17.♕d1 (17.♕e2 ♗xc3!) 17...♗f5 18.♘cd4 ♗e4=∞

6.♘c3 b6

6...♘b8 7.a3 ♗e7 (7...♗d6 8.♘f3 ♗xf4 9.exf4 ♕c7 10.♘e5⩲) 8.g4!? h6 9.♕f3 (Δ 0-0-0) 9...g5 (9...♘bd7 10.h4↑) 10.♗g3 e5 11.♗xe5 ♗xg4 12.♕g3 ♘bd7 13.♗c7 ♕c8 14.♗d3⩲6...♕a5 7.a3 c5 (7...♘e4 8.♘e2 g5 9.♗e5 f6 10.♗g3 h5 11.b4 ♘xc3 12.♘xc3 ♕d8 13.h4±) 8.dxc5 ♕xc5 9.♘f3 ♕b6 10.♘e5⩲6...♕b6 7.a3 c5 8.♘f3 ♗d6 9.♘a4 ♕a5+ 10.b4 ♕xa4 11.♗xd6 c4 12.♘d2 ♗d7 13.g4!⩲6...♗e7 7.♘f3 (7.♕f3 ♕a5 8.O-O-O b5⇄) 7...O-O 8.♗xa6 bxa6 9.♘e5 ♗b7 10.♘a4 c5 11.♘xc5 ♗xc5 12.dxc5 ♕a5+ 13.c3 ♕xc5 14.O-O ♕b6 15.♖c1⩲ Δ c46...♘c7 7.♕f3!? (7.♘f3 ♗b4 8.♗d3 ♘b5⇄) (7.a3 ♗d6 8.♗d3 ♗xf4 9.exf4 b6 10.♘f3 c5) 7...c5 8.h4!? (8.O-O-O ♗d7! 9.g4 cxd4 10.exd4 ♘e4 11.♘ge2 ♘d6∞) 8...c4! (8...♗d7 9.h5↑) 9.♘ge2 ♗d7 10.g4 ♘b5 11.g5 ♘xc3 12.♘xc3 ♕b6 13.O-O-O ♘e4 14.♘xe4 dxe4 15.♕xe4 c3 16.bxc3 ♗c6 17.d5 ♗a3+ 18.♔d2 ♗xd5 19.♕a4+ ♗c6 20.♕xa3 ♗xh1 21.♗e5=∞6...♗b4 7.♗xa6 bxa6 8.♘e2 O-O 9.a3 ♗e7 10.O-O c5 11.♘a4!? (11.♘g3 a5⇄) 11...cxd4 12.exd4 a5 (Δ Ba6) 13.♕d3 ♕d7! (13...♗d7 14.♘c5 ♖c8 15.b4⩲) 14.♘c5 ♗xc5 15.dxc5 ♕c6 16.♗d6 ♗a6⇄

7.♘f3 ♗b7

7...♘c7 8.♘e5 ♗b7 9.♗d3 ♗e7 (9...♗b4 10.O-O ♗xc3 (10...O-O 11.♘b1⩲) 11.bxc3 O-O 12.c4⩲) 10.♕f3 O-O 11.h4 c5 12.h5↑

8.♘e5 [Δ Nc6]

8.a3 ♗e7 9.♗d3 O-O 10.♘e5 c5 11.O-O (11.♕f3 ♘c7 12.g4 c4!⇄ 13.♗xc4?! ♘e4∓) 11...♘c7 12.h3 c4 13.♗e2 ♘fe8∞ Δ f68.♗d3 ♗d6 (8...♘b4 9.♗e2 c5 10.♘b5⩲) (8...♗e7 9.♘e5 ♘b8 10.g4↑) 9.♘e5 ♕c7 10.h4 ♘c5!? 11.h5 ♘xd3+ 12.cxd3 ♘d7 13.♘xd7 ♗xf4 14.exf4 ♕xd7 15.h6 g6∞

8...♘b8

8...♘c7 - 7...Nc78...♗b4 9.♗d3 O-O 10.O-O ♗xc3 11.bxc3 c5 12.♗g5 (12.c4 ♖c8⇄) 12...c4 13.♘g4! cxd3 14.♕f3↑

9.♗d3 ♘bd7 10.O-ON

10.♕f3!? ♘xe5 11.♗xe5 ♘d7 12.♗f4 g5 13.♗g3 h5 14.h3 ∆ 0-0-0 (14.h4)

10...a6

⌓10...♗e7 11.a4 (11.♕f3 O-O 12.♕h3 c5∞) 11...a5 12.♕f3 (12.e4 dxe4 13.♘xe4 O-O 14.♖e1 c5) 12...O-O 13.♘xd7 ♕xd7 14.♗e5 ♗a6 (14...c5 15.♕h3 h6 16.b3±)

11.e4! ♘xe5

11...dxe4 12.♘xe4 c5 13.♕f3±11...♗e7 12.♘xd7 ♘xd7 - 11...Ne5 (12...♕xd7 13.e5±)

12.♗xe5 ♘d7 13.♗f4± ♗e7 14.exd5

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15.♕h5 ♘f6 16.♕f3 O-O 17.♖ae1±

15...O-O 16.♘e2

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19...♗e7

19...g6 ∆ ♗g7

20.♘g3

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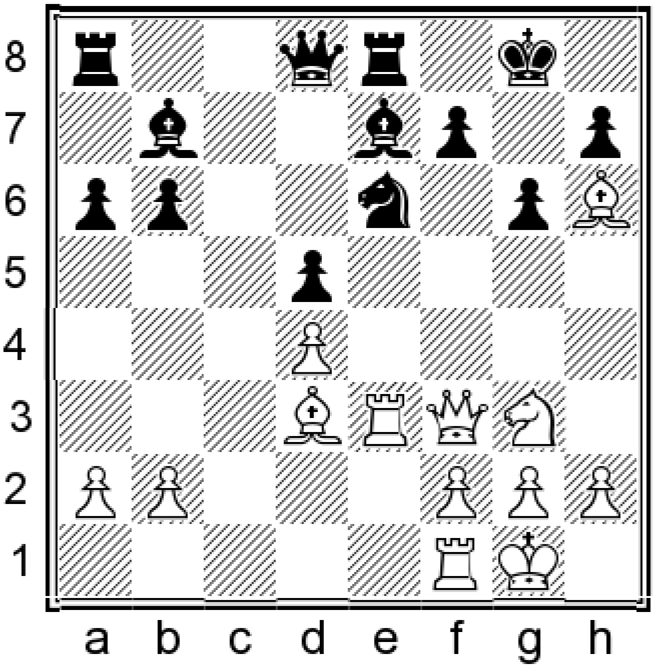

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22.♕g4± g6

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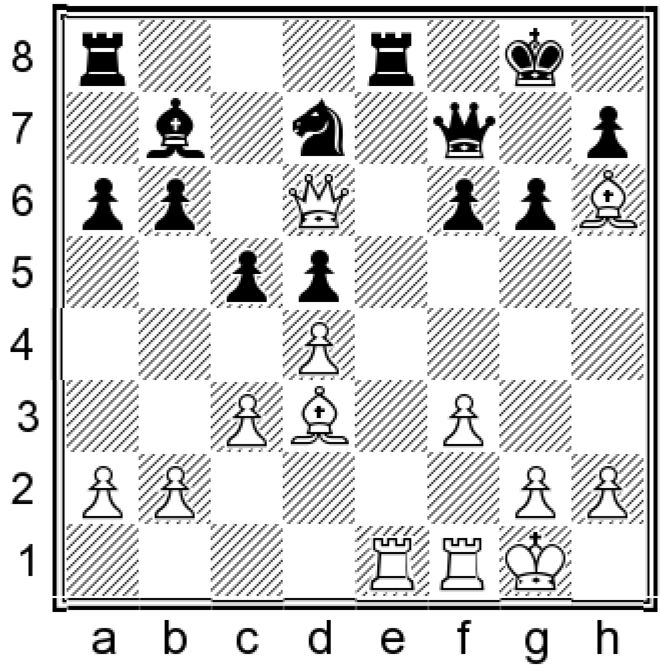


31.♕g3 ♗c6 32.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 33.♗xa6 c4 34.♕c7±

31...♘e5! 32.♖xe5?!

32.dxe5 ♖e6 33.♖e2 (33.♗e3 ♖c8 (33...♖ae8?! 34.♗xc5! ♖xd6 35.♗xd6 ♕d7 36.f4 ♗c6 37.f5 fxe5 38.♗xe5±) 34.♗f4 b5 35.♗c2 fxe5 36.♕xe6 ♕xe6 37.♖xe5 ♕f6 38.♗g3 b4∓) 33...♖ae8 (33...♖xd6? 34.exd6±) 34.♖fe1 ♗c6! (34...f5?! 35.a3 ∆♗c6 36.♗xa6 ♕a7 37.♗c4! (37.♗c8!) 37...♖xd6 38.exd6 ♖xe2 39.♗xe2±) 35.♗xa6 fxe5∓

32...fxe5 33.♕xb6 c4 34.♗c2 ♖e6 35.♕a5 ♕e7∓ 36.♗e3 exd4 37.♗xd4 ♖e2 38.♗d1 ♖xb2 39.♗f2

39.f4 ♖f8! 40.g3 ♖e8 41.♗f3 h5∓

39...♖e8 40.h4 ♖b5

40...♕f6∓ 41.♕c7 ♕xc3 42.♗a4 ♕e5-+

41.♕a4 ♕f6

41...♗c8 42.h5 (42.♕c2 ♗f5∓ ∆ Bd3) 42...gxh5 43.♕c2 ♕g5∓

42.♕c2 ♗c6 43.♕d2

43.h5 g5! (43...gxh5 44.♕d2) 44.♕d2 ♖b1 45.♗d4 ♕f4 46.♕c2 ♖b7∓ ∆ Rbe7

43...♖b7 44.h5 g5 45.g3

45.♗e3 h6 46.♗d4 ♕f4∓

45...h6 46.♕c1 ♕f5 47.♕a3 ♗b5

47...♖b1 48.♕xa6 ♕f6 49.♕a3 ♖xd1 50.♖xd1 ♕xf3-+

48.♕a5 ♖e6 49.g4 ♕e5 50.♖e1 ♕xe1+?!

50...♕c7! 51.♕xc7 ♖xe1+ 52.♗xe1 ♖xc7 53.♗f2 ♖b7-+

51.♗xe1 ♖xe1+ 52.♔f2 ♖xd1 53.a4?⊕

53.♕d8+ ♔f7 (53...♔g7 54.♕d6! ♗e8 55.♕e5+ ♔f7 56.♕f5+ ♔e7 57.♕h7+ ♗f7 58.♕xh6 ♖b2+ 59.♔g3 ♖g1+ 60.♔h3 ♖f2 61.♕xg5+ ♔d7 62.♕f6 ♗e6 63.♕g7+ ♔c6 64.♕f6=) 54.♕d6 ♗d7 55.♕g6+ ♔e7 56.♕h7+ ♔d6 57.♕xh6+ ♗e6 58.♕xg5 d4∓

53...♗e8 54.♔e2 ♖d3-+ 55.♕d8 ♔f7 56.♕d6 ♖e7+ 57.♔f2 ♖d2+ 58.♔f1 ♖e6 59.♕c7+ ♔g8 60.♕a7 ♖d3 0-1

134.* [D01]
Schmid, Pablo (2217) - Skembris, Spyridon (2412)
Schweiz 2016 [Skembris, Spyridon]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗f4 c6

4...♗g7 5.e3 O-O 6.♗e2 ♘bd7 (6...c5 - 111/170) 7.♘e5 c6 8.O-O ♘e8!? (8...♘xe5 9.♗xe5 (9.dxe5 ♘d7∓) 9...♘e4=) 9.♘d3N (9.e4) (9.♘xd7) 9...♘d6⇄ Stripunsky, A (2561) -Nyzhnyk, I (2627) Arlington 127/(134) 2015

5.e3 ♗g4

5...♗g7 - 50/(397)

6.♗e2

6.h3 ♗xf3 7.♕xf3 ♕a5 (7...♘bd7 8.♗d3 ♗g7 9.g4 O-O 10.h4 e5 11.dxe5 ♘e8 12.♕g3 ♕e7⇄) 8.♗d3 ♗g7 9.a3 (9.O-O ♘bd7 10.e4 dxe4 11.♘xe4 O-O 12.c4 ♘xe4 13.♕xe4 ♖ae8) 9...♘bd7 10.O-O O-O 11.e4 ♘h5 (11...e5 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♗xe5 dxe4 14.♘xe4 ♕xe5 15.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 16.♕xf6 ♗xf6 17.c3 ♖ad8 18.♖fd1) 12.exd5 ♘xf4 13.♕xf4 cxd5 14.b4 ♕d8 15.♘xd5 e6 (15...e5!?) 16.♘e3 e5 17.♕e4 exd4⇄

6...♘bd7

6...e6 7.O-O (7.a3 ♗d6 8.♘e5 ♗xe2 9.♕xe2 ♕c7 10.h4 ♘bd7 11.♘xd7 ♘xd7 12.♗xd6 ♕xd6 13.h5 O-O-O=) 7...♗xf3 8.♗xf3 ♗d6 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 g5 11.♗g3 ♗xg3 12.hxg3 h5 13.♕d3 g4 14.♗e2 ♘bd7 15.e4±6...♗xf3 7.♗xf3 ♗g7 8.O-O O-O 9.♖e1 ♖e8 10.♕d2 ♘bd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.♘xe4 ♘xe4 13.♗xe4 e5=

7.♘e5

7.h3 ♗xf3 8.♗xf3 ♗g7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O ♖e8 11.♖ad1 a5 12.e4 dxe4 13.♘xe4 ♘xe4 14.♗xe4 ♕b6 15.c3 e5⇄

7...♗xe2 8.♕xe2 ♘h5!?

8...♕b6 9.O-O-O ♗g7 10.h4 ♘xe5 11.♗xe5 ♖g8 12.g4 ♘d7 13.♗xg7 ♖xg7 14.e4 dxe4 15.♘xe4 O-O-O 16.d5±8...♗g7 9.O-O-O ♘h5! 10.g4 ♘xf4 11.exf4 e6 12.♕e3 ♕e7 13.♘e2 O-O-O∞

9.g4N

9.♘xd7 ♘xf4 10.♘f6+ exf6 11.exf4+ ♗e7 12.O-O-O O-O 13.h4 ♗b4 14.h5 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♕d7 16.♕f3 ♖ae8⇄9.O-O-O e6 (9...♘xe5) 10.♔b1 ♗b4 11.♖d3∞

9...♘xf4 10.exf4 e6↑ 11.O-O-O ♗b4 12.♖d3 ♕f6

12...h5 13.f3 (13.♘xg6 fxg6 14.♕xe6+ ♕e7 15.♕xg6+ ♔d8 16.g5 ♖f8 17.♖f3 ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♔c7 19.♕xh5 ♕a3+-+) 13...♘xe5 14.fxe5 ♕g5+ 15.♔b1 ♕f4↑

13.♔b1!?

13.♘xd7 ♔xd7 14.♕e3 ♕h4⩱13.♕e3 O-O-O 14.h4 h5 15.g5 ♕e7⇄

13...O-O-O↑

13...♘xe5 14.fxe5 ♕f4 15.♘d1⇄

14.♘xd7?!

14.♘a4 ♕xf4 15.♖f3 ♕e4 16.♕xe4 dxe4 17.♖xf7 ♘xe5 18.dxe5 ♖hf8 19.♖xf8 ♖xf8 20.♖f1 e314.♕e3 ♘b6 15.♘e2 ♕e7 16.c3 ♗d614.♘d1!? Δ♕xf4 15.♖f3 ♕e4 16.♕xe4 dxe4 17.♖xf7 ♘xe5 18.dxe5 ♖df8 19.♖f6 ♗e7 20.g5 ♗xf6 21.gxf6 ♖d8 22.♘c3 ♖d4 23.♖e1 ♖hd8 24.b3 e3 25.♖xe3 ♖f4 26.f3 b6 27.♔c1 g5 28.♘e4 h6 29.c4 ♖h4 30.♖e2 ♖d3 31.♖f2 ♖f4

14...♖xd7 15.♕e5 ♕d8!⩱ 16.h4 h5 17.g5?!

17.f5 ♗d6 18.♕e3 exf5 19.gxf5 gxf5 20.♕h3 ♕f6 21.♖g1 ♖e7⩱ 22.♖g5?! ♖e1+ 23.♘d1 ♗e7! 24.♖xf5 ♕xh4∓

17...♗d6∓ [×f4] **18.♕e3 ♔b8**

18...♕c7 19.♘b5⯹18...♕a5!?∓

19.♖h3 ♕c7 20.♖f3 ♖c8 21.♘a4 b6 22.a3 ♔a8 23.♔a1

23.♖d1

23...♕b7

23...c5!? 24.♘c3 (24.dxc5 bxc5 25.c4 ♕c6-+) 24...a6 25.♘e2 c4∓

24.b4?! ♕a6 25.♘b2 ♗xb4 26.♖d1

26.♖b3 ♗d6 27.♕d3

26...♗d6 27.♔b1 ♖dc7

27...c5→

28.♕b3 b5 29.♖c3 c5-+ 30.dxc5 ♖xc5 31.♖xc5 ♗xc5 32.♕f3 ♕xa3 33.♖d3 ♕b4 34.f5 ♗d4

34...♕e4 35.fxe6

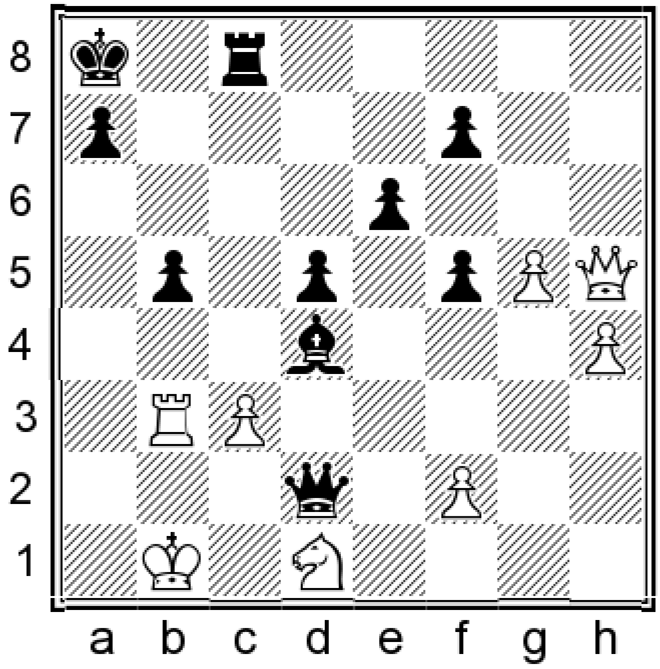
35.♖b3 ♕e1+ 36.♘d1

36.♔a2 gxf5 37.♕xh5 ♖c636.♕d1 ♗xf2

36...gxf5! 37.♕xh5

37.♖xb5 ♖c3 38.♕xh5 ♖a3 39.c3 ♗xc3

37...♕d2 38.c3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39.♕f3 bxc3

39...♕d3+! 40.♔a2□

40.♔a1 ♖xc340.♔c1 ♗xc3

40...♖c6

40...♖c5

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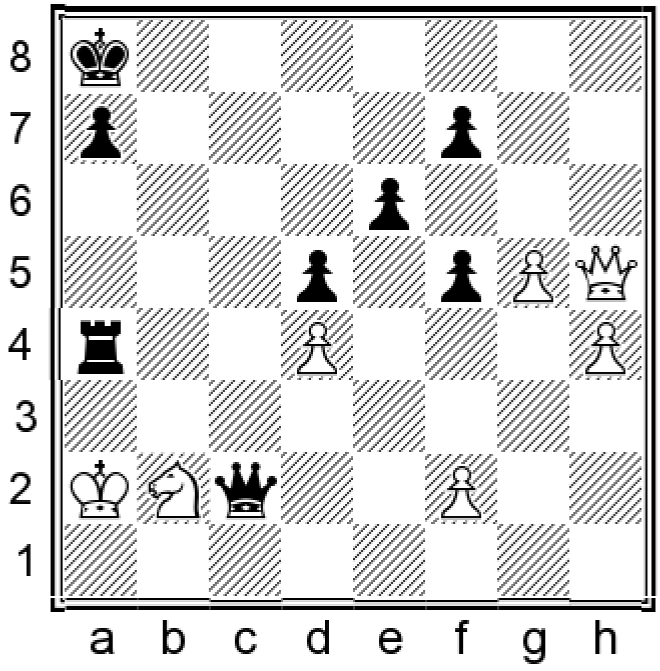
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41.♖b2 ♖a6+ 42.♔b3 ♗c5!

41...♗xc3+ 42.♘xc3 ♕xc3+ 43.♖b2 ♕c1+ 44.♔a2 ♖a6+ 45.♔b3 ♕c4# 0-1

135. [D02]
Kramnik, Vladimir (2796) - Sjugirov, Sanan (2646)
Doha 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♗f4 c5 4.e3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2 cxd4 6.exd4 ♗f5 7.c3 e6 8.♕b3 ♕c8 9.♘h4

9.♗e2 - 8/152

9...♗g6 10.♘xg6 hxg6 11.♗d3 ♘h5 12.♗e3 ♗d6 13.O-O-ON

13.g313.♘f3

13...a6 14.♔b1 b5 15.♕c2 ♘a5 16.♘f3 ♘c4 17.♗c1! ♕c7

17...♕b7!?

18.♘g5 ♘f4 19.♗f1!

19.h4 ♘xd3 (19...♘xg2? 20.♗xg6+-) 20.♖xd3 ♗f4=

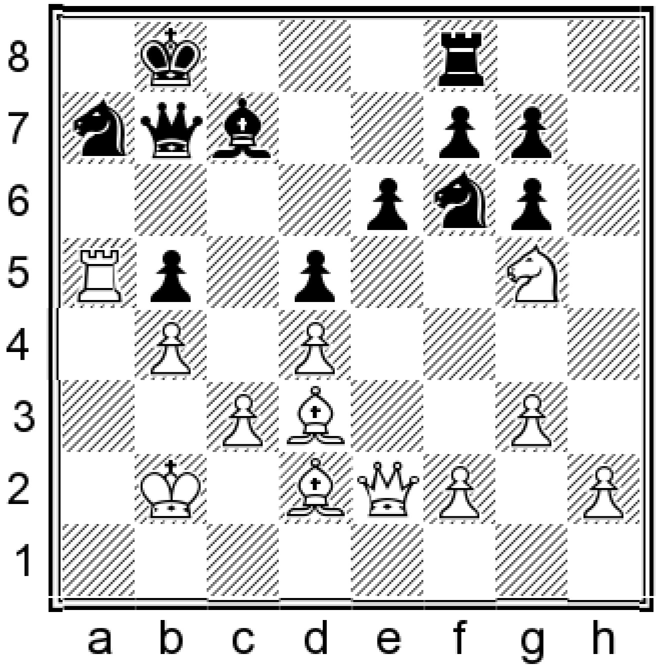
19...O-O-O?

19...♗e7 20.♘f3 ♘h5∞

20.a4± ♕b7 21.axb5 axb5 22.b3 ♘a5

22...♘a3+ 23.♗xa3 ♗xa3 24.g3 ♘h5 25.♕a2 ♗d6 26.♕a5±22...f6!?

23.♕a2 ♘c6 24.g3 ♘h5 25.♗d3 ♔b8 26.♕e2 ♘a7 27.♗d2 ♖c8 28.♔b2 ♖c6 29.♖a1 ♖f8 30.♖a2 ♖a6 31.♖xa6 ♕xa6 32.♖a1 ♕b7 33.b4 ♘f6 34.♖a5 ♗c7



35.♗f4! ♗xf4 36.gxf4 ♕c7 37.♗xb5 ♕xf4 38.♘f3 ♘e4 39.♘e5

39.♗d3!? ♘c6 40.♖a4

39...♖h8 40.♘c6+ ♘xc6 41.♗xc6 ♘xc3!?

41...♖d8 42.b5+-

42.♔xc3?!

42.♕d3! ♘d1+ (42...♖xh2 43.♔xc3+-) 43.♔b3! ♔c7 44.♖a7+ ♔d8 45.♖a8+ ♔e7 46.♖xh8+-

42...♖h3+ 43.♔c2 ♕xd4 44.♕b5+

44.♖c5!?

44...♔c7 45.♕b7+ ♔d6 46.♕b8+

46.♖xd5+! exd5 47.♕d7+ ♔e5 48.♕xh3+-

46...♔e7 47.♕a7+ ♕xa7 48.♖xa7+ ♔d6 49.♗a4 ♖h4

49...♖xh2 50.♖d7+ ♔e5 51.♖xf7+-

50.♔b3 ♖h3+ 51.♔b2 ♖h4

51...e5 52.♖xf7 ♖xh2 53.♔a3+-

52.♖d7+ ♔e5 53.♔a3 ♔d4 54.♖xf7 ♖xh2 55.b5 ♔c5 56.♖c7+ 1-0

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136.** [D10]
Kveinys, Aloyzas (2510) - Solak, Dragan (2628)
?, 2015 [Solak, Dragan]
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗f5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.♕b3 ♘c6

6...♗c8 - 97/271

7.♕xb7 ♗d7 8.♕b3 ♖b8 9.♕d1 e5 10.dxe5 ♘xe5 11.♗e2 ♗d6 12.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 13.♗xf3 ♕c7 14.h3 O-O 15.O-O ♖fd8 16.a4N

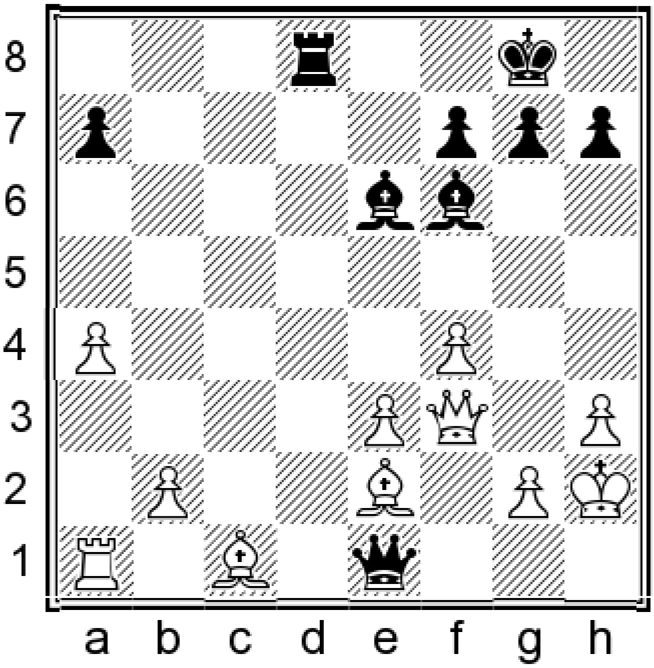
16.♕d316.♕e216.♘e2

16...♗h2+ 17.♔h1 ♗e5 18.♕d3?!N

18.♘xd5 - 127/(136) 18...♘xd5 19.♗xd5 ♗e6 - 127/(136) (19...♗xh3N 20.gxh3 ♕d7 21.♔g2 ♕xd5+ 22.♕xd5 ♖xd5 23.e4 ♖d6 24.♗e3 ♗d4 25.♗xd4 ♖xd4 26.♖fd1 ♖xe4 27.♖d7 h5= Al Sayed, M (2520) -Matlakov, M (2684) Doha 127/(136) 2015) 20.e4 ♗xd5 21.exd5 ♕c4 22.♗e3 ♗xb2 23.♖b1 ♖xd5 24.♕g4 ♕xg4 25.hxg4 ♖b4 26.♗xa7 ♖a5 27.♖fd1 h6 28.♗e3 ♖axa4 29.♗d2 ♖b3 30.♗c1 ♖ab4 ½-½(30) Bacrot, E (2697) -Mamedov, R (2657) Berlin (rapid) 127/(136) 2015

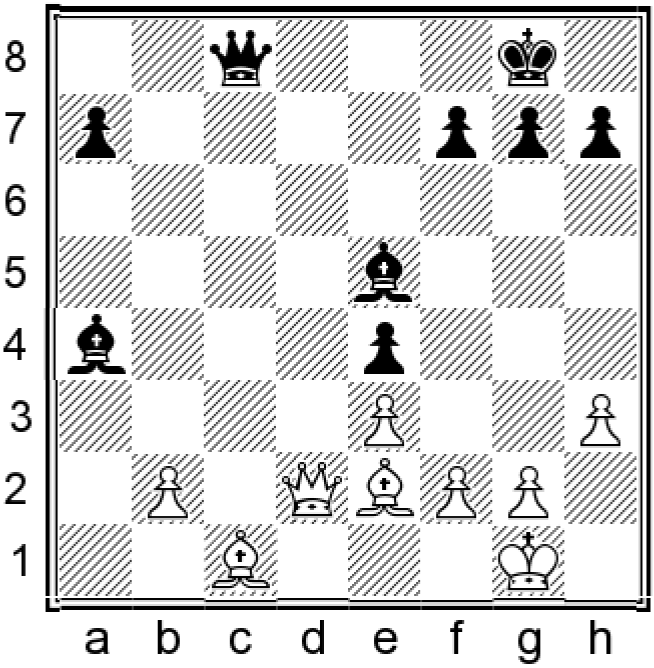
18...♗e6 19.♖d1?! ♕c8?!

19...♘e4 20.♘xe4 dxe4 21.♕xe4 ♖xd1+ 22.♗xd1 ♖d8 (22...♕a5? 23.♗d2!) 23.♗e2 ♕a5 24.f4 (24.b4 ♕c7-+) 24...♕e1+ 25.♔h2 ♗f6 26.♕f3



26...♗h4! 27.e4□ ♖d1!? 28.♗xd1 ♗f2 29.♕xf2 ♕xf2

20.♕f1 ♖b4 21.♔g1 ♘e4 22.♘xe4?! dxe4 23.♗e2 ♖xd1 24.♕xd1 ♗b3? 25.♕d2 ♖xa4? 26.♖xa4 ♗xa4



27.♗c4! ♕d7 28.♕xd7 ♗xd7 29.♗d5! ♗f5 30.g4! ♗g6 31.b3! h5? 32.gxh5 ♗f5?

32...♗xh5 33.♗xe4 ♗d1 34.♗d5±

33.♔g2! ♗e6 34.♗xe6 fxe6 35.f4!

35.f3 ♔h7 36.fxe4 ♔h6 37.♗a3 ♔xh5 38.♗c5 ♗b8!=

35...♗c7 36.♗b2 a6 37.♗d4 ♔f7 38.♔g3 ♗b8 39.♔g4 ♗d6 40.♗b6 ♗e7 41.♗a7 ♗b4 42.♗d4 ♗d6 43.♗b6 ♗e7 44.f5+- e5 45.♗c7 ♗c5

45...♔f6 46.h445...♗f6 46.♗d6 ∆ Bb4-e1-h4

46.♗xe5 ♗xe3 47.♗f4 ♗d4 48.♗g5 ♗e5 49.h4 ♗d6 50.h6 gxh6 51.♗xh6 ♗c5 52.♗g5 ♗d6 53.h5 ♔g7 54.f6+ ♔h7 55.♔f5 1-0

137.* [D11]**
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2785) - Gunina, Valentina (2496)
Gibraltar 2016 [Sokolov, Ivan]

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.♗g2 ♗g4 4.O-O e6 5.h3 ♗h5 6.d4 ♘d7

6...♘f6 7.c4 ♗e7 8.♘c3 (8.cxd5 cxd5=) 8...O-O 9.♕b3 ♕b6 10.♘e5 ♘bd7?N (10...♘fd7 11.cxd5 (11.♕xb6) 11...♕xb3 (11...exd5? 12.♘xd5! cxd5 13.♕xd5 ♘xe5 14.♕xe5) 12.axb3 exd5 13.f4 (13.g4 ♘xe5 (13...♗g6 14.♘xg6 hxg6 15.e4 dxe4 16.♗xe4± (16.♘xe4 ♘a6 17.d5 cxd5 18.♘c3±)) 14.gxh5 ♘ed7 15.h6 g6 16.e4↑) 13...♘xe5 (13...f6? 14.♘xd5±) 14.dxe5 d4 (14...♗c5+ 15.♔h2 f5 16.♘xd5 cxd5 17.♗xd5+ ♖f7 18.e4±) 15.g4 dxc3 16.gxh5 cxb2 17.♗xb2±) 11.g4! ♗g6 12.g5 ♘xe5 13.gxf6 ♗xf6 14.dxe5 ♗xe5± Lagno, K (2523) -Schneider, I (2481) Berlin (rapid) 127/(137) 2015

7.c4 ♗e7

7...♘gf6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.♘h4 (9.♕b3! ♕b6 10.♕e3+ ♗e7 11.♘h4 ♗g6 12.♘c3 ♔f8N (12...♘f8) 13.♘xg6+ hxg6 14.♕d3± ♖e8 15.♖b1 ♔g8 16.b4 a6 17.♖e1 ♘f8 18.e4 dxe4 19.♘xe4 ♘xe4 20.♖xe4 ♕d8 21.♕e2± Vachier Lagrave, M (2758) -Kramnik, V (2777) Berlin (blitz) 127/(137) 2015 (21.d5! ♘e6 (21...cxd5 22.♖d4±) (21...♖h5 22.d6 ♗f6 23.♖xe8 ♕xe8 24.♗e3±) 22.♖e3 cxd5 23.♕xd5±)) 9...♘e4N (9...♗g6! 10.♘c3 (10.♘xg6 hxg6 11.♕b3 ♕b6 12.♕e3+ ♗e7 13.♘c3 ♕d8=) 10...♗e7 11.♘xg6 hxg6=) 10.♘c3 ♘d6 11.♗f4 ♘b6 12.♕d3 ♗e7 13.♗xd6 ♗xh4 (13...♗xd6 14.e4±) 14.♗e5 (14.♗c5! ♗e7 15.e4 ♗g6 16.♕e2 dxe4 17.♗xe4 ♘d7 18.♖fe1 ♘xc5 19.dxc5±) 14...♗g6 15.♕f3 ♗f6 16.♗xf6 ♕xf6 17.♕xf6 gxf6± Vachier Lagrave, M (2754) -Sokolov, I (2623) France 127/(137) 2015

8.cxd5 exd5 9.♘c3 ♘gf6 10.♘h4 O-O 11.f4± ♘e4N

11...h6? 12.g4 ♘e4 13.♘f5 ♘xc3 14.bxc3 ♗g6 15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.f5±11...♘e8

12.♘f5

12.♗xe4 dxe4 (12...♗xh4? 13.♗b1!) 13.♘f5 ♗b4 14.g4 ♗g6 15.♘g3 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 f5∞

12...♘xc3 13.bxc3 f6 14.♕b3 ♘b6 15.e4 ♖e8 16.g4 ♗f7 17.♘xe7+

17.e5 ♗f8 18.♘e3±

17...♕xe7 18.e5 ♘c4 19.♕c2 fxe5 20.dxe5 ♖ad8 21.♕f2 c5 22.♖e1 ♕c7

22...d4?? 23.e6+-

23.f5!? ♖xe5 24.♗f4 ♖xe1+ 25.♖xe1 ♕a5

25...♘d6 26.♕h4 ♖d7 27.♖e6 (27.f6 ♕d8 28.♖e7 (28.g5!?) 28...♖xe7 29.fxe7 ♕b6) 27...c4!

26.♕g3

26.♖e7!?

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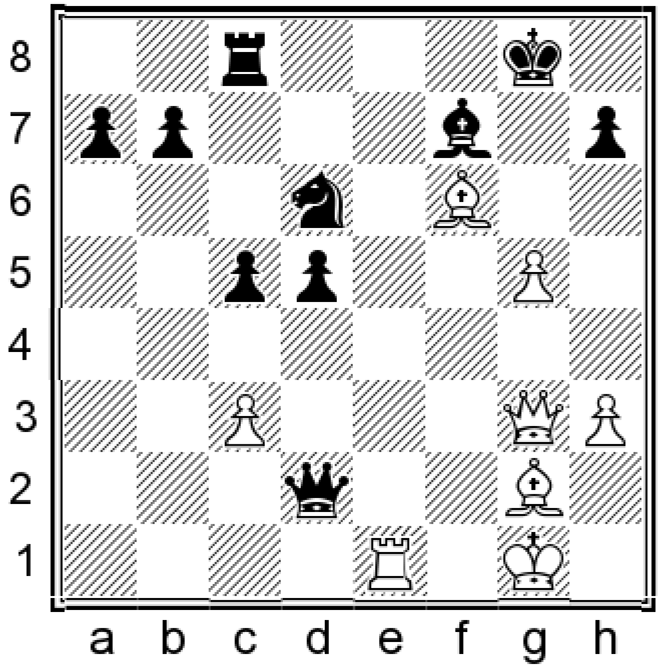

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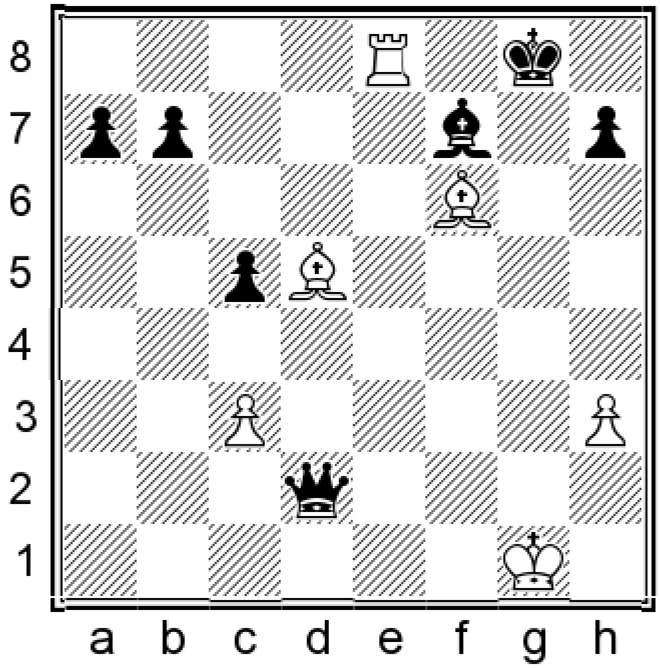
31.g6!!+- ♗xg6

31...hxg6 32.♕h4

32.♕e5 ♖f8

32...♖e8 33.♗xd5+ ♗f7 34.♕xe8+ ♘xe8 35.♖xe8#



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33.♗xd5+ ♘f7 34.♗g5!! [∆ ♗h6] **1-0**

138. [D12]

Carlsen, Magnus (2850) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2793)
London 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗g4 5.h3 ♗h5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.♘c3 e6

7...♗xf3 - 117/114

8.g4 ♗g6 9.♘e5 ♘fd7 10.♘xg6 hxg6 11.♗g2 ♘c6 12.e4!?N

12.O-O

12...dxe4 13.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 14.♘c3

14.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 15.♕xd2 O-O 16.O-O-O ♘b6 17.♔b1∞

14...♘b6 15.O-O O-O

15...♘xd4 16.♗e3 ♘c6 17.♕b3=∞ (17.♘b5!?)

16.d5

16.♗e3 ♗xc3 17.bxc3 ♖c8∞

16...exd5 17.♘xd5 ♗c5!

17...♘xd5 18.♕xd5 ♕c7 (18...♕xd5?! 19.♗xd5 ♖fd8 20.♖d1±) 19.♕c4 ♗d6 20.♗e3↑

18.♘c3

18.♗f4 ♖c8=

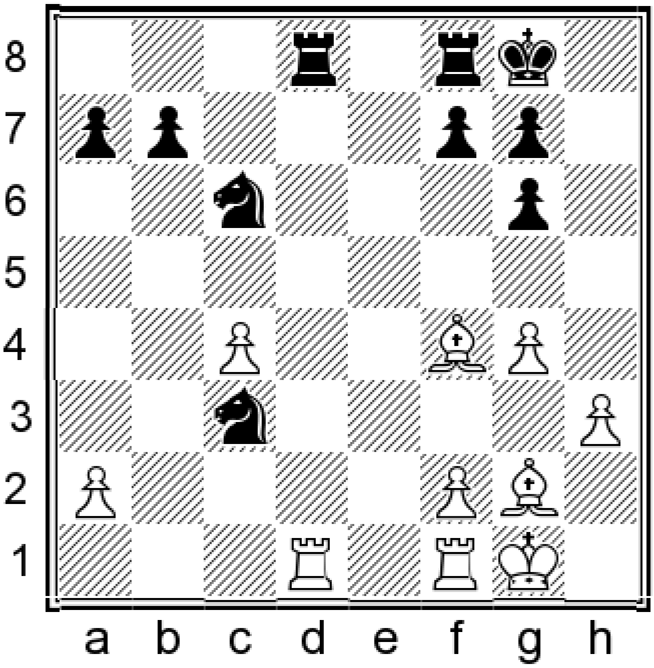
18...♗d4 19.♕f3 ♕f6?!

19...♕e7 20.♗f4 ♖fe8∞

20.♕xf6 ♗xf6 21.♗f4± ♖ad8 22.♖ad1 ♗xc3

⌓22...♘c4 23.b3 ♗xc3 24.bxc4 ♘d4 25.♗e3±

23.bxc3 ♘a4 24.c4 ♘c3



25.♖d2! ♖xd2

25...♘d4 26.♖e1 ♘e6 27.♗d6 ♖d7 28.♖e3 ♘a4 29.♖d5±25...♖fe8!?

26.♗xd2 ♘e2+ 27.♔h2 ♖d8 28.♗e3± ♘c3 29.a3 ♖d3 30.♖c1 ♘d1 31.♗e4!

31.♗xc6?! bxc6 32.♗xa7 ♘b2 33.♖a1 ♘xc4 34.a4 ♖d5=

31...♖d7 32.♗c5 ♘b2

32...♖d2 33.♔g3±

33.♖c2 ♘a4 34.♗e3 ♘b6 35.c5

35.♗xb6?! axb6 36.♖b2 ♖d4 37.♗d5 ♘a5 38.♖xb6 ♘xc4 39.♗xc4 ♖xc4 40.♖xb7 ♖a4 41.♖b3 g5=

35...♘d5 36.♖d2 ♘f6 37.♖xd7 ♘xd7 38.♔g3 ♔f8 39.f4 ♘f6 40.♗f3 ♔e7 41.f5

41.g5 ♘e8 42.♗g4 ♘c7 43.♗c8 ♘a5 44.♗d4 ♘e6 45.♗c3 b6 46.cxb6 axb6±

41...gxf5 42.gxf5 ♔d7 43.♔f4 ♘e8 44.♔g5 ♔e7 45.♗f4 a6 46.h4 ♔f8 47.♗g3 ♘f6 48.♗d6+ ♔e8 49.♔f4 ♘d7 50.♗g2 ♔d8 51.♔g5 ♔e8 52.h5 ♘f6 53.h6 ♘h7+ 54.♔h5 ♘f6+ 55.♔g5 ♘h7+ 56.♔h4 gxh6 57.♔h5 ♘f6+ 58.♔xh6 ♘g4+ 59.♔g7 ♘d4!? 60.♗e4 ♘f2

60...♘e3 61.♔f6+-

61.♗b1

61.♗xb7? ♘xf5+=

61...♘g4 62.♗f4 f6?!

62...♔e7 63.♗d2 ♔d7 (63...f6 64.♗e4 ♔d7 65.♗c3 ♘e2 66.♗e1 ♘d4 67.♗g3+-) 64.♔xf7 ♔c6 65.♔g6!+-62...♘e2 63.♗b8 ♘c3 64.♗c2 ♘e3 65.♗d3 ♘cd5 66.♗e4 f6 67.♗g3 ♘c3 68.♗d3 ♘cd5 69.♗f2 ♘g4 70.♗d4+-

63.♗e4 ♘f2 64.♗b1 ♘g4 65.♗e4 ♘f2 66.♗xb7! ♘d3

66...♘xf5+ 67.♔xf6 ♘d4 68.c6+-

67.♔xf6!

67.♗d6 ♘xf5+ 68.♔xf6 ♘xd6 69.♗c6+ (69.cxd6? ♔d7 70.♗xa6 ♘c5=) 69...♔d8 70.cxd6 ♘b2 71.♔e6 ♘c4 72.a4 a5 - NB 4/a2

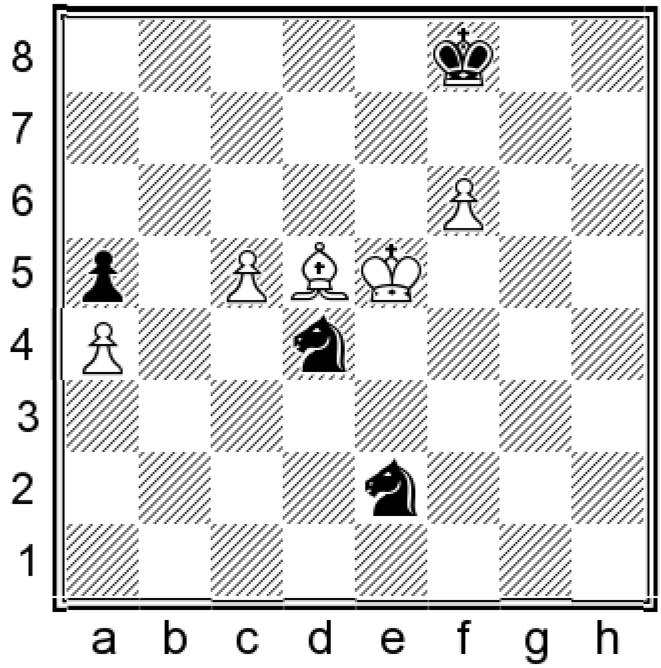
67...♘xf4 68.♔e5 ♘fe2

68...♘xf5 69.♔xf5 (69.♔xf4 ♘g7 70.♔e5 ♔d7 71.♔d5+-) 69...♘d3 70.c6 ♔d8 71.♗xa6 ♘c5 72.♗b5+-

69.f6?

69.♗xa6?! ♘f3+ 70.♔e4 ♘g5+ 71.♔e3 ♘c3±69.c6! ♘xf5 (69...♔d8 70.f6+-) (69...♘f3+ 70.♔e4 ♘g5+ 71.♔e3 ♔d8 72.♔xe2+-) (69...♘xc6+ 70.♗xc6+ ♔e7 71.♗d5+-) 70.♔xf5 ♔d8 71.♔e5 ♔c7 72.♗xa6+-

69...a5 70.a4 ♔f7 71.♗d5+ ♔f8?



71...♔g6! 72.♗e4+ ♔f7 73.c6 ♘xc6+ 74.♗xc6 ♔f8=

72.♔e4!+- ♘c2 73.c6 ♘c3+ 74.♔e5 ♘xa4 75.♗b3! ♘b6 76.♗xc2 a4 77.c7 ♔f7

77...a3 78.♗b3 ♔e8 79.♔d6

78.♗xa4 1-0

139. [D15]
Bacrot, Etienne (2686) - Tomashevsky, Evgeny (2743)
Reykjavik 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 a6 5.e3 ♗f5 6.♘e5 ♘bd7 7.♕b3 ♕c7 8.cxd5 ♘xe5 9.dxe5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 cxd5 11.♗d2

11.♕xd5 ♖d8 12.♕b3 ♗c2 13.♕c3 ♕xc3+ 14.bxc3 ♖d1+ 15.♔e2 e6 16.♗b2 ♖d7 17.♖c1 ♗a4⯹

11...♕xe5N

11...e6

12.♗e2

12.♖c1 b5 13.♗e2 (13.a4 bxa4 14.♕b7 ♖b8 15.♕xa6 ♕xb2 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.♔e2 f6 (17...♕b6 18.♖b1!±) 18.♖b1 ♕e5 19.f4 ♕h5+ 20.♔f2 ♖b3 (20...♖xb1 21.♖xb1±) 21.h3=∞) 13...♕d6 14.♗b4 ♕d8 15.O-O=∞

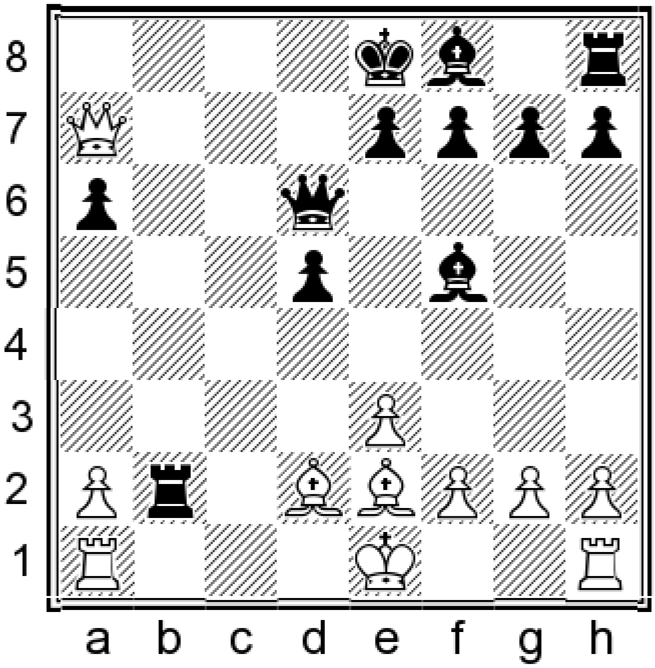
12...♕d6 13.♕xb7

13.♖c1 e5 (13...b5 - 12.Rc1) 14.O-O ♗e7∞

13...♖b8 14.♕a7

14.♕xa6 ♕xa6 15.♗xa6 ♖xb2=

14...♖xb2



15.♗d1! f6

15...♖b8?? 16.♗a4++-15...♗d7 16.♗b3 ♗b5 17.♕d4±

16.♗b3 ♗c2 17.♕d4 ♗xb3

17...♕e5? 18.♕xe5 fxe5 19.♗c3 ♖b1+ 20.♖xb1 ♗xb1 21.♗xe5+-

18.♕xb2 ♗c4 19.♖b1 ♔f7 20.f3± g6 21.a4 ♗g7

21...♗d3!? 22.♖c1 ♗h6

22.♕b4 ♕e5

22...♕d7 23.♔f2 ♖c8 24.♖hc1±

23.♔f2 ♗d3?!

23...f523...♖c8

24.♗c3 ♕f5 25.♖bd1± h5 26.♕d4 ♗c2

26...♗c4 27.e4 ♕c8 28.exd5 ♖d8±

27.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 28.♖xd5 ♗xa4 29.♖c1 ♖b8 30.♖c5 ♖b6 31.♖c7 ♖e6 32.h4 ♗b5 33.♗d4 ♗f8 34.♖a7 ♖d6 35.♖cc7 ♖e6 36.e4 ♗d3 37.♖c8 ♗g7 38.♖c3 ♗b5 39.♖cc7 ♗h6 40.g3 ♗f8 41.♖a8 ♗g7 42.♖b8 ♗f8 43.♖b6 ♖xb6 44.♗xb6 ♔e6 45.f4 ♗d3 46.♔e3 ♗f1 47.♗c5 ♔f7 48.♖c8 ♗h3 49.♖a8 ♗f1 50.♔d4 ♗e2 51.♖b8 ♗f1 52.♔d5?!

52.♖b6

52...♗g2!± 53.♖b2 e6+ 54.♔c4 ♗xe4 55.♗xf8 ♔xf8 56.♔d4 ♗f5 57.♖b7 ♗g4 58.♖a7 ♗f5 59.♖xa6 ♔e7 60.♖b6 ♔f7 61.♖b7+ ♔f8 62.♖a7 ♗g4 63.♔c5 ♗h3 64.♔d6 ♗g4 65.♖c7 ♗h3 66.♖e7 ♗g4 67.♖xe6 ♔f7

67...♗xe6? 68.♔xe6+-

68.♖e7+ ♔f8 69.♖c7 ♗h3 70.♖c1 ♔f7 71.♖e1 ♗g4 1/2-1/2

140. [D15]
Jakovenko, Dmitrij (2737) - Bologan, Viktor (2654)
Doha 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 a6 5.e3 ♗f5 6.♕b3 b5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.a4 b4 9.♕xb4 ♘c6 10.♕c5 ♘a5 11.♗xa6 ♖xa6 12.♕b5+ ♖c6 13.♘e5 ♗d7 14.♘xd7 ♘xd7 15.♗d2 ♕a8

15...♖c8 - 90/322

16.♘xd5 e6 17.♘f4!?N

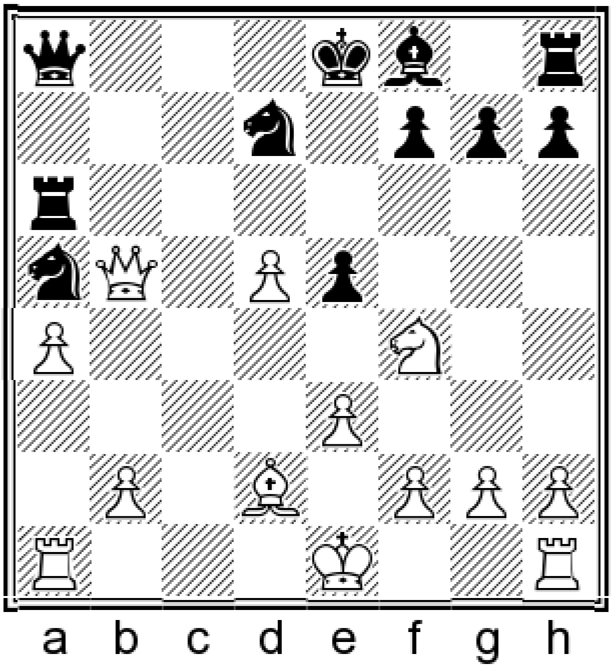
17.♗xa5

17...♖a6

17...♘c4? 18.♖c1 ♕c8 19.b3 ♘ce5 20.O-O! ♗a3 21.♖xc6 (21.♖a1 ♖b6 22.♕e2 ♖xb3 23.dxe5+-) 21...♘xc6 22.b4 O-O 23.a5+-

18.O-O

18.d5 e5



19.♖c1! (19.♘h5?! ♘b7!∓) (19.♘d3?! ♗d6∓) 19...exf4 (19...♘b7 20.♖c6 ♖a7 21.♘h5∞) 20.♖c7 ♖d6 21.e4 ♗e7 22.♗xf4

O-O 23.♗xd6 ♗xd6 24.♖xd7 ♖b8 25.♕d3∞

18...♗d6

18...♘b7!?

19.d5!?

19.♘h5!?

19...exd5

19...♗xf4 20.exf4±19...e5 20.♘h5 (20.♘e6!?) 20...♔e7 21.♘xg7 ♖b8 22.♕d3±

20.♖fd1 ♘c6

20...d4!? 21.♘h5 (21.exd4 O-O! 22.♕xd7 ♘b3 23.♘d3 ♘xa1 24.♖xa1∞) (21.♗b4 ♗xb4 22.♕xb4 ♘c6 23.♕a3=∞) 21...O-O! 22.♕xd7 ♘b3 23.♖ab1 ♖d8 24.♕g4 ♗f8=∞

21.♗c3

21.♕xd5 ♘e7 (21...♗e7 22.♗c3±) (21...♗e5 22.♘d3±) (21...♕b8 22.♗c3 ♘e7 23.♕d4 ♘f6 24.b4±) 22.♕xa8+ ♖xa8 23.a5 (23.♗c3 ♗e5 24.♖xd7 ♗xc3 25.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 26.♘d5+ ♔d6 27.♘xc3 ♖hb8=) 23...♗xf4 24.exf4 ♘c5 25.♗c3 ♘e6 26.g3 O-O±

21...♗xf4

21...O-O∞

22.exf4 O-O 23.♖xd5

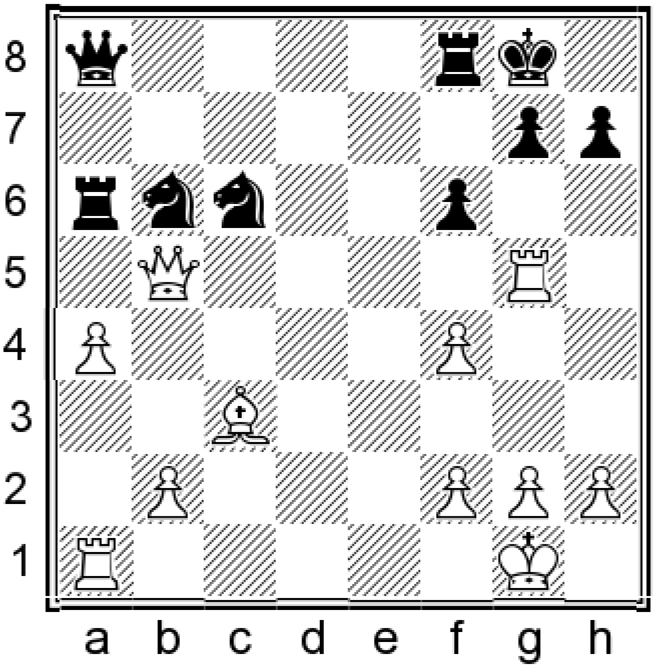
23.♕xd5 ♘f6 24.♗xf6 gxf6∓

23...♘b6?

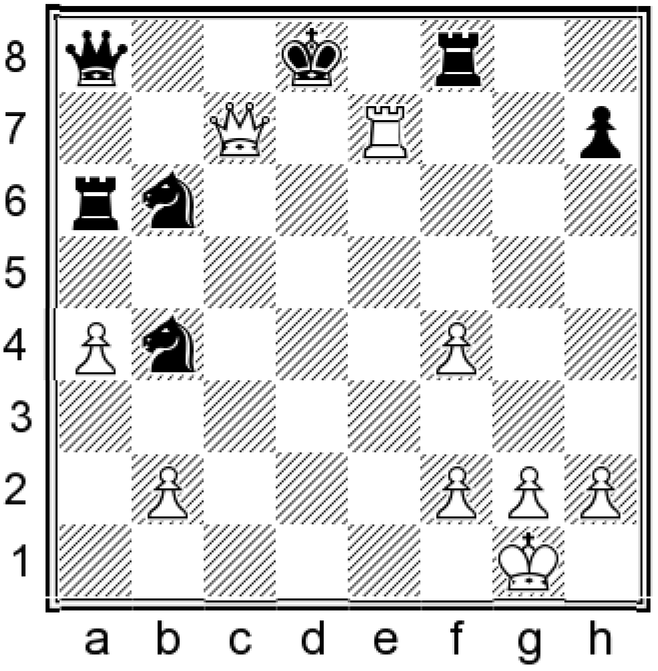
23...♘f6 24.♗xf6 gxf6↑23...♖b8!?

24.♖g5! g6

24...f6?



25.♖xg7+!! ♔xg7 26.♕g5+ ♔h8 (26...♔f7 27.♕xf6+ ♔e8 28.♖e1+ ♔d7 29.♕g7+! ♔d6 30.♗b4+! ♘xb4 31.♕e7+ ♔d5 32.♕e5+ ♔c4 33.♕c3+ ♔d5 34.♖e5+ ♔d6 35.♕c5+ ♔d7 36.♖e7+ ♔d8 37.♕c7#



) 27.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 28.♕xf6+ ♔g8 29.♖a3 ♘e7 30.♕xe7 ♘d5 31.♖g3+ ♖g6 32.♕e6+ ♔g7 33.♖xg6+ hxg6 34.g3+-

25.a5± ♖d8?!

25...♘c825...f6

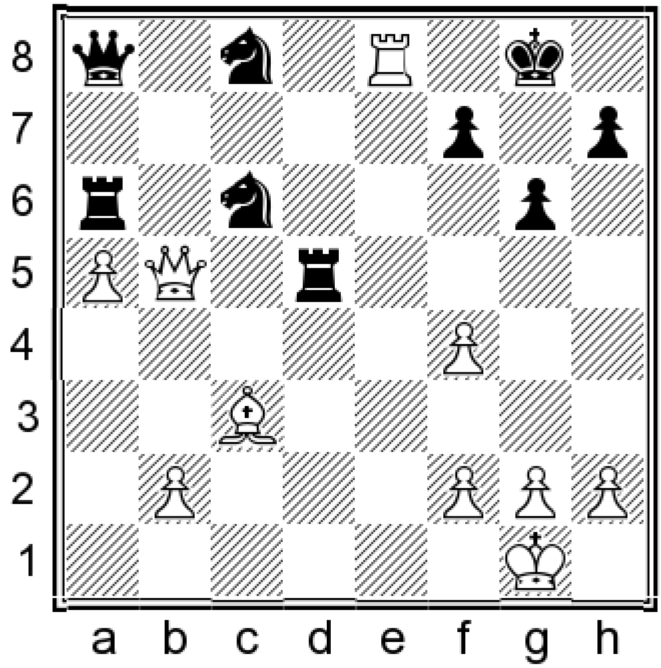
26.♖e1! ♘c8?!

26...♘d7 27.♖d5±

27.♖d5 ♖xd5??

27...♖f8 28.b4+-

28.♖e8#



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141. [D16]
Anand, Viswanathan (2784) - Vajda, Szidonia (2359)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.a4 e6 6.e3 c5 7.♗xc4 ♘c6 8.O-O cxd4 9.exd4 ♗e7 10.♕e2 O-O 11.♖d1 ♘b4 12.♗g5 h6

12...♗d7 - 119/125

13.♗h4 ♗d7 14.♘e5 ♗e8N

14...♗c6

15.a5!? ♘fd5 16.♗g3

16.♗xe7 ♘xe7 17.a6 b6 (17...bxa6 18.♘e4↑) 18.♖ac1↑

16...♖c8 17.a6

17.♘xd5 exd5 18.♗b3 a6∞

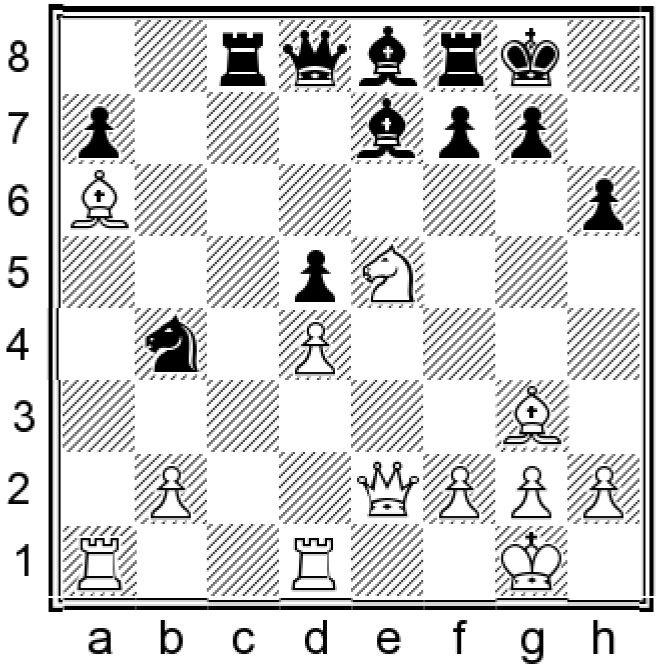
17...bxa6

17...♘xc3!? 18.bxc3 b5! 19.♗xb5 ♘d5 20.♗xe8 ♕xe8 21.♖dc1 ♘xc3⇄

18.♘xd5 exd5

18...♘xd5? 19.♖xa6±

19.♗xa6



19...♖c2!

19...♘xa6 20.♖xa6↑

20.♖d2 ♖xd2 21.♕xd2 ♕b6 22.♗f1

22.♗e2!?22.♗c8!?

22...a5= 23.h4 ♗f6

23...f6!?

24.♖a3 ♘c6 25.♘xc6 ♗xc6 26.♖xa5 ♕xd4 27.♕xd4 ♗xd4 28.b4 ♖a8 29.♗d3 ♗b6 30.♖xa8+ ♗xa8 31.♔f1 f6 32.h5 ♔f7 33.♔e2 ♗c6 34.♗f4 ♔e7 35.f3 ♗d4 36.♗e3 ♗xe3 37.♔xe3 ♗b7 38.♔d4 ♔d6 39.b5

39.♗b5 ♗a8 40.♗e8 ♗b7 41.b5 ♗a8 42.♗g6 ♗b7 43.♗f5 ♗a8 44.♗c8 ♔c7 45.♗e6 ♔d6=

39...♗c8 40.g4 ♗d7 41.b6 ♗c8

41...♔c6?? 42.♗b5++-

42.♗g6

42.♗b5 ♗b7=

42...♔c6 43.♗f5 ♗b7 44.♗e6 ♔xb6 45.♗xd5 ♗c8 1/2-1/2

141. [D17]
Pelletier, Yannick (2566) - Solak, Dragan (2628)
Reykjavik 2015 [Solak, Dragan]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.a4 ♗f5 6.♘e5 e6 7.f3 ♗b4 8.e4 ♗xe4 9.fxe4 ♘xe4 10.♗d2 ♕xd4 11.♘xe4 ♕xe4+ 12.♕e2 ♗xd2+ 13.♔xd2 ♕d5+ 14.♔c3 ♘a6 15.♘xc4 O-O 16.♕e5 ♖ad8

16...f6 17.♕xd5 cxd5 18.♘d6 ♖ab8 19.b4 ♘c7 20.♔b3N (20.♖c1 - 71/(388)) 20...♘e8 21.♘xe8 ♖bxe8 22.♖c1± Pelletier, Y (2566) -Vallejo Pons, F (2684) Reykjavik 127/(142) 2015

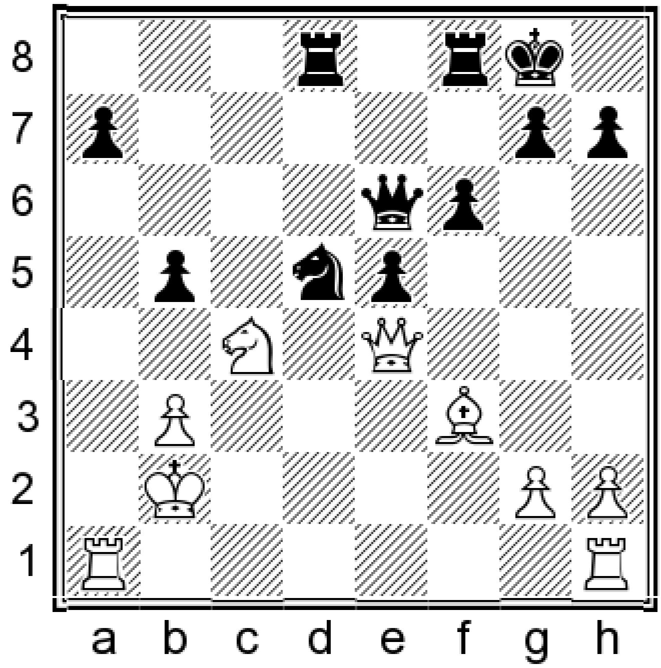
17.♗e2 f6 18.♕e3! ♘c7 19.♗f3 e5N

19...♕f5

20.b3!

20.♗xd5+

20...♕e6 21.♔b2! ♘d5 22.♕e4! b5?! 23.axb5 cxb5



24.♖hd1! ♘f4 25.g3?

25.♖xd8! ♖xd8 26.♕b7!! (26.♖xa7 f5 27.♕b7 ♕f6 28.♖a6 ♕h4∞) 26...♕d7 (26...bxc4 27.♖xa7+-) 27.♕xd7 ♖xd7 28.♗c6 ♖c7 29.♗xb5+-

25...bxc4 26.gxf4 cxb3 27.♖xa7

27.♕d5 ♕xd5! 28.♗xd5+ ♔h8 29.fxe5 fxe5 30.♔xb3 g6=

27...♕b6 28.♖dd7⊕

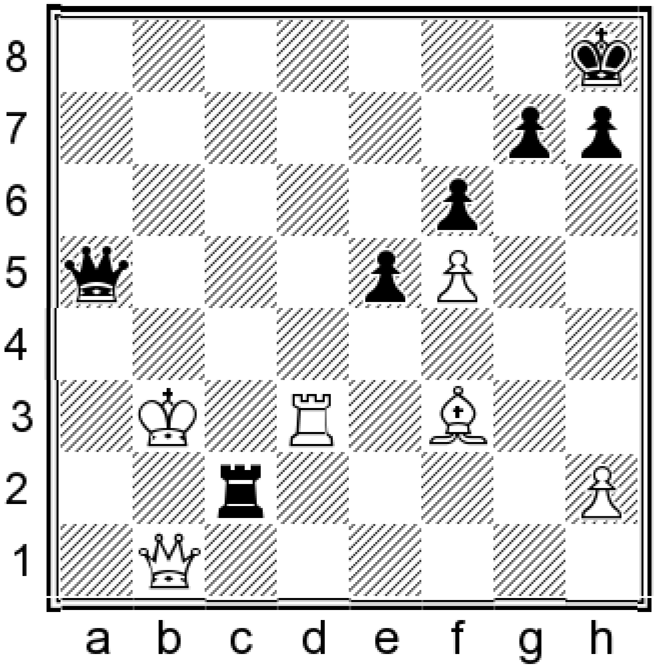
28.♖xd8 ♖xd8 29.♖a8 ♖xa8 30.♕xa8+ ♔f7=

28...♖xd7 29.♖xd7 ♔h8 30.f5 ♕a5 31.♕b1??

31.♕g4! ♕a2+ 32.♔c3 ♖c8+ 33.♔b4! ♖b8+ 34.♗b7 ♖g8 35.♗d5=

31...♖c8 32.♖d3 e4??⊕

32...h6-+32...♖c2+! 33.♔xb3



33...♖c5!-+ 34.♔b2 ♕b4+!! 35.♖b3 ♕d2+

33.♗xe4 ♕e5+ 34.♔xb3! ♖b8+ 35.♔a2 ♕xh2+ 36.♔a3 h5 37.♖b3 ♕d6+ 38.♔a2 ♕d2+ 39.♕b2 ♕a5+ 40.♕a3 ♕d2+ 41.♕b2 ♕a5+ 42.♕a3 ♕d2+ 1/2-1/2

142.* [D20]
Sethuraman, SP. (2639) - Li, Chao (2750)
Doha 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 e5 4.♗xc4 ♘c6 5.d5 ♘a5 6.♗e2?! c6 7.♘c3 ♘f6 8.e4 ♗b4 9.♗g5?! O-O 10.♘f3 cxd5 11.♗xf6N

11.exd5?!

11...♕xf6 12.♕xd5 ♗g4∓ 13.O-O

13.♕xe5 ♕xe5 14.♘xe5 ♗xe2 15.♔xe2 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♖fe8∓

13...♗xc3! 14.bxc3 b6 15.♖ac1

15.♖fe1!?

15...♖ac8

15...♖fd8 16.♕b5 ♘b7 17.h3 ♗xf3 18.♗xf3 ♘c5∓

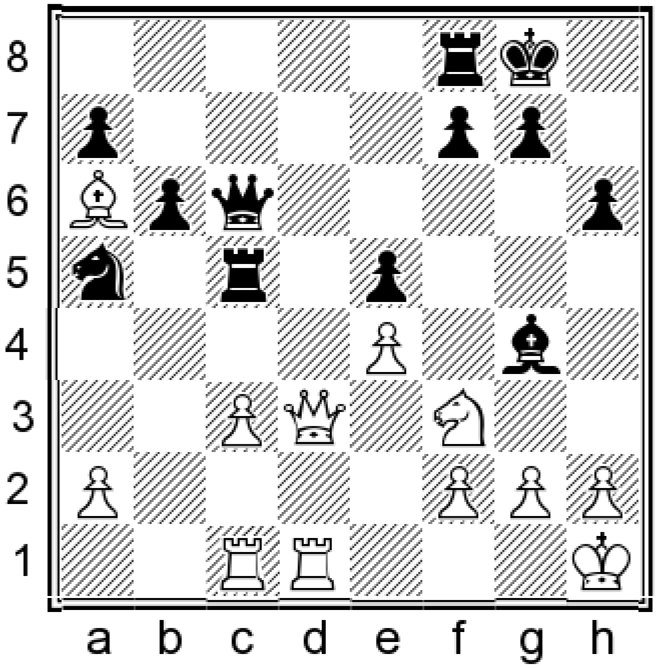
16.♖fd1 ♖c5

16...♖fd8 17.♕b5 ♘b7 18.♖d5 ♖xd5 19.exd5 ♕e7∓

17.♕d3 ♗e6 18.♕d2

18.♕c2

18...h6 19.♗a6?! ♕g6∓ 20.♕e2 ♗g4! 21.♔h1 ♕c6 ∆ b5 ×♗a6, c3 **22.♕d3?**



22.c4

22...f5!

22...b5 23.♕d6 ♕xd6 24.♖xd6 ♗e6 25.♘e1 ♘c4 26.♖dd1 ♘b2 27.♖d2 ♘a4 28.♘d3 ♖xc3 29.♖xc3 ♘xc3 30.♘xe5 ♘xe4∓

23.exf5 b5!-+ 24.f6

24.♕d6 ♗xf3! 25.gxf3 ♕xf3+ 26.♔g1 ♖c6

24...♖xf6 25.♕d8+ ♔h7 26.♕xa5 ♗xf3 0-1

144. [D24]
Caruana, Fabiano (2787) - Eljanov, Pavel (2760)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.e4 ♗b4 6.♗xc4 ♘xe4 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♗g5

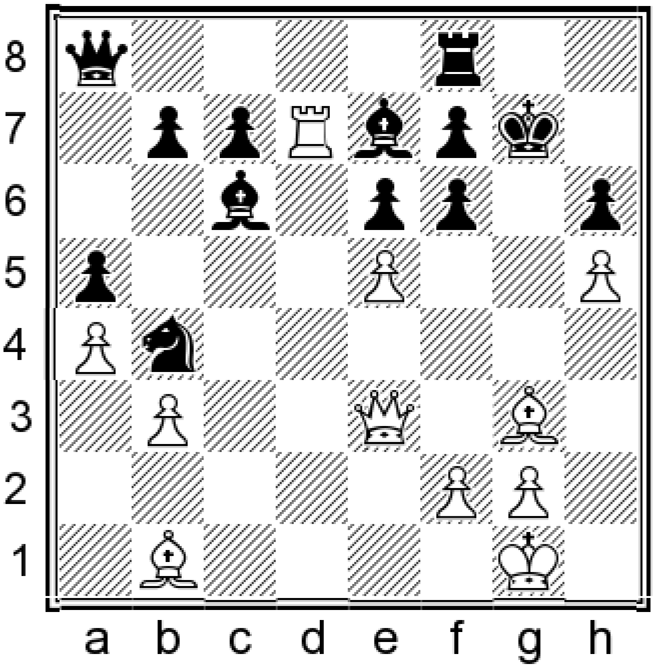
8.♕a4+ - 113/144

8...O-O 9.♕e2 h6 10.♗h4 ♗e7 11.♖ad1 ♘bd7 12.♘e5 ♘b6 13.♗d3 ♘fd5 14.♗g3 ♗d7N

14...f5

15.♘e4 ♗a4 16.♖c1 ♘d7 17.b3 ♘xe5 18.dxe5 ♗c6 19.♖fd1 a5 20.a4 ♕e8 21.h4 ♖d8 22.h5 ♘b4 23.♗b1 ♔h8

23...♖xd1+ 24.♖xd1 ♕a8 25.♘f6+ ♔h8 (25...gxf6? 26.♕g4+ ♔h8 27.♕f4 ♔g7 28.♗h4!+-) 26.♖d7! ♗c5! (26...gxf6? 27.♕e3 ♔g7



28.♗h4!+-) 27.♖xc7 b6∞

24.♗f4 ♖g8 25.♗d2 ♖d5

25...♕f8!?

26.♗xb4 axb4

26...♗xb4? 27.♕c2 ♖xd1+ 28.♖xd1±26...♖xd1+ 27.♕xd1 ♗xb4 28.♕d3 f5 29.exf6 gxf6 30.♘xf6 ♖xg2+ 31.♔f1 ♕e7 32.♖xc6 ♖xf2+☐ 33.♔xf2 ♕xf6+ 34.♔e2 ♕e5+ 35.♔f1 ♕f4+=

27.♖xd5 exd5

27...♗xd5? 28.♕c2! g6 (28...♕c6 29.♘d6 ♕xc2 30.♘xf7+ ♔h7 31.♗xc2+ g6 32.♗xg6+ ♖xg6 33.hxg6+ ♔xg6 34.♘h8+ ♔f5 35.♖xc7+-) 29.♕d2 ♔g7 30.♘f6! ♕d8 31.♘xg8 ♕xg8 32.hxg6+-

28.♘g3 ♗g5 29.♖e1 g6 30.♕g4 ♕e7

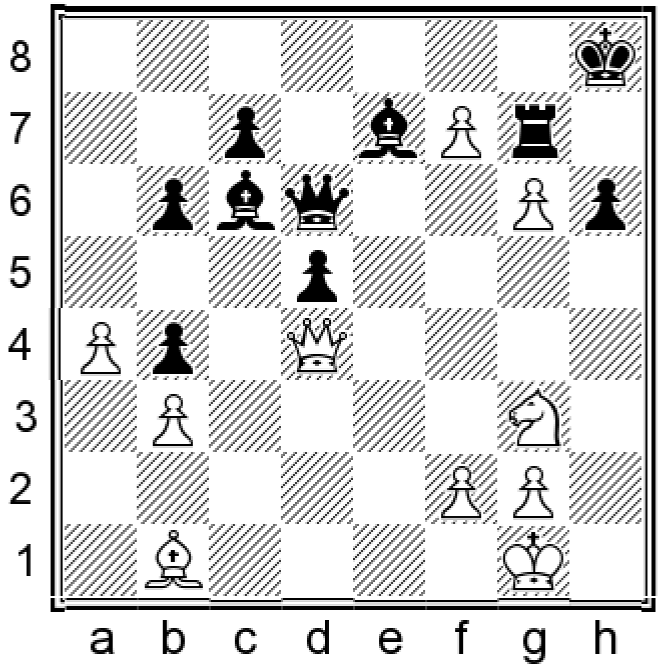
⌓30...♕e6 31.♕xb4 - 30...♕e7

31.♕d4 b6?

31...♕e6 32.hxg6 (32.♕xb4 ♖e8∞) 32...fxg6 33.♘e2!?↑

32.e6+ ♗f6

32...♔h7? 33.♘f5! ♕f6 34.exf7 ♕xf7 35.hxg6+ ♖xg6 36.♘h4 ♗xh4 37.♕xh4+-32...♖g7 33.exf7! ♕xe1+ 34.♔h2 ♕e7 35.hxg6 (∆ ♘f5) 35...♕d6 (35...♗f6 36.♘f5 ♗xd4 37.♘xe7+-) 36.♔g1 ♗e7

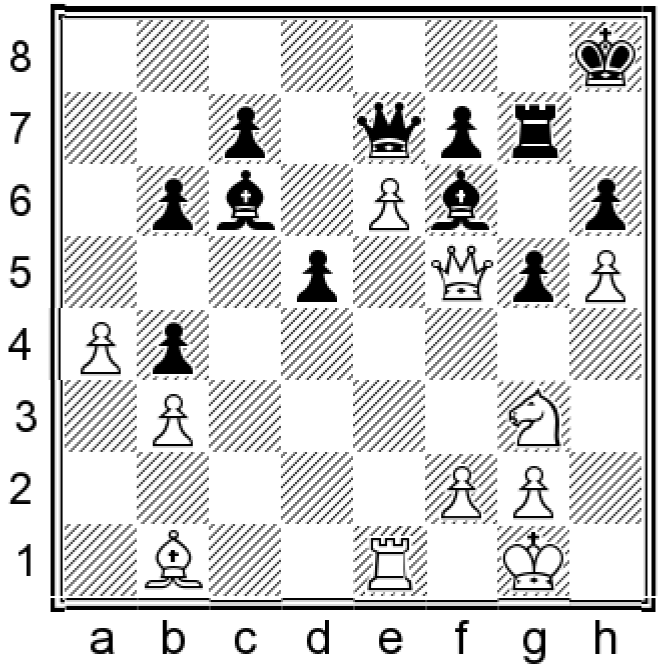


37.♕e3! ♗g5 38.♕e8+ ♗xe8 39.fxe8=Q+ ♖g8 40.g7+! ♔xg7 41.♘f5+ ♔h8 42.♘xd6 ♖xe8 43.♘xe8+-

33.♕f4 g5?!

33...♔g7 34.hxg6 fxg6 35.♗xg6! ♔xg6 36.♕f5+ ♔g7 37.♘h5+ ♔h8 38.♘xf6 ♖f8 39.♘xd5 ♕d6 40.♕e5+ ♕xe5 41.♖xe5 ♗xd5 42.♖xd5 ♖e8 43.♔f1!+-33...♗g5 34.♕xf7 gxh5 35.a5!? ♖a8 (35...bxa5 36.♕xe7 ♗xe7 37.♖c1 ♗b5 38.♖xc7 ♖e8 39.♗g6! ♖g8 40.♗c2 ♖e8 41.♘f5 ♗g5 42.♘d6 ♖xe6 43.♖c8+ ♔g7 44.♘xb5+-) (35...♕xf7 36.exf7 ♖f8 37.axb6 cxb6 38.♗g6+-) (35...♖e8 36.♕xe7 ♗xe7 37.♗g6 ♖g8 38.♘f5 ♗c5 39.♗xh5+-) 36.axb6+-

34.♕f5 ♖g7



35.♕c2! ♕c5

35...♕e8 36.♘f5+-

36.♕xc5

36.exf7 ♖xf7 37.♕g6 ♕f8 38.♖e6+-

36...bxc5 37.♘f5 ♖g8 38.exf7 1-0

145. [D30]
Atalik, Suat (2570) - Radovanovic, Mihajlo (2379)
Beograd 2015 [Radovanovic, Mihajlo]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♗g5 ♗e7

5...f6 - 79/(367)

6.♗xe7 ♘xe7 7.dxc5 ♘bc6!?

7...♕a5+

8.♕d2N

8.e3 ♕a5+ 9.♘c3 ♕xc5 10.♖c1 O-O 11.♗e2 ♖d8 12.O-O ♕a5 13.a3 ♗e6 14.♘b5 ♕b6 15.♕d2 ♘f5=

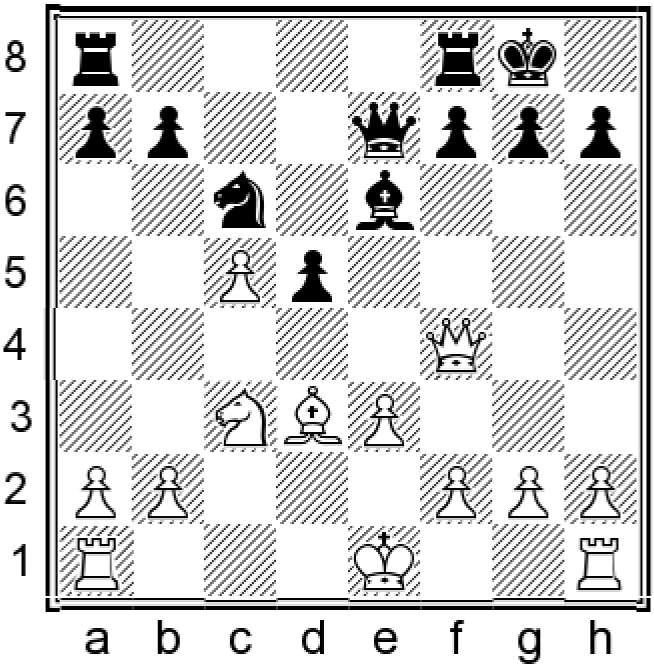
8...♗g4 9.♘d4!?

9.♘c3 O-O 10.e3 ♗xf3 11.gxf3 b6! 12.cxb6 ♕xb6⩱

9...O-O 10.e3 ♘xd4 11.♕xd4 ♗e6 12.♘c3 ♘c6 13.♕f4

13.♕d2 ♕h4! 14.g3 (14.♗e2?! d4 15.exd4 ♘xd4 16.O-O ♖ad8∓) (14.♗d3 d4 15.exd4 ♕xd4 16.♖d1 ♕xc5=) 14...♕b4 15.♖d1 (15.♗g2 d4 16.♘e4 dxe3 17.fxe3 ♖ad8⩱) 15...♕xc5 (15...d4!? 16.exd4 ♖fe8 17.♗e2 ♖ad8 18.a3! ♕a5 (18...♕xd4 19.♕e3! ♕xe3 20.fxe3 ♖xd1+ 21.♗xd1±) 19.b4 ♕xa3 20.♘b5 ♕xb4 21.O-O∞) 16.♗g2 ♖ad8 17.O-O d4 18.exd4 ♘xd4=

13...♕e7 14.♗d3



14...d4!↑ 15.exd4!?

15.♘e4 ♘b4 16.♗b1 dxe3 17.O-O!? ♘d5 18.♕e5 (18.♕g3 f5∓) (18.♕d6 ♖ae8 19.fxe3 f5 20.♕xe7 ♖xe7 21.♘d6 ♘xe3∞) 18...b6! 19.cxb6 (19.fxe3 ♘xe3 (19...f6 20.♕d6 ♕xd6 21.cxd6 ♖ad8=) 20.♘f6+! gxf6 21.♕e4 (21.♕xe3 ♕xc5) 21...♘c2! 22.♗xc2 ♕xc5+ 23.♖f2 f5∞) 19...exf2+ 20.♖xf2 h6!? 21.♗c2 (21.bxa7 ♕xa7⯹) 21...axb6∞15.♘e2 ♕xc5 16.exd4 ♕b4+ 17.♕d2 ♖fe8=

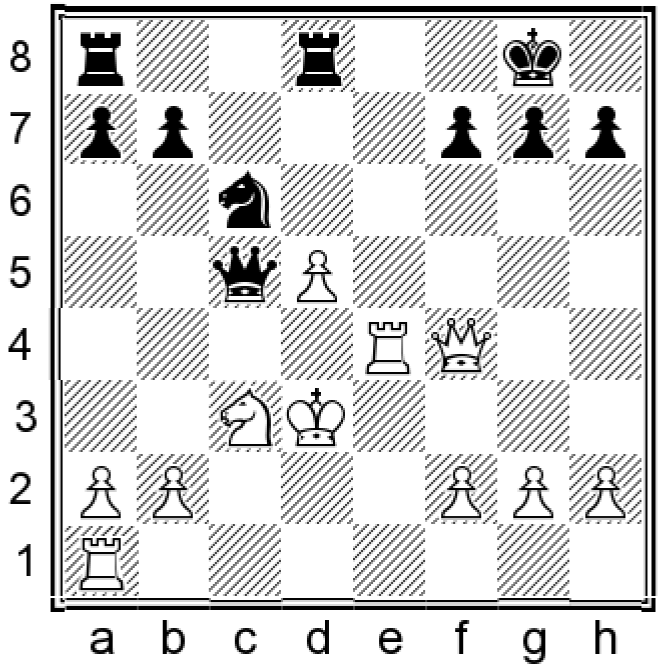
15...♗c4+ 16.♔d2 ♖fd8! 17.♖he1

17.♕e4 ♕g5+ 18.♕e3 ♕h5! 19.♗xc4 (19.♘e2 ♗xd3 20.♕xd3 ♕g4→) 19...♖xd4+ 20.♔e1 ♖xc4→17.♖ae1! ♕f8 18.d5 ♗xd3 (18...♗xd5 19.♘xd5 ♖xd5 20.♕e4 ♖h5 21.g4 ♖h4∞) 19.♔xd3 ♕xc5 20.♔c2 ♘b4+ 21.♔b1 ♘xd5 22.♘xd5 ♕xd5 23.♕e4= Yermolinsky, Alex

17...♕f8 18.d5□ ♗xd3

18...♗xd5 19.♘xd5 ♖xd5 20.♕e4 ♖h5 (20...♖xd3+?! 21.♔xd3 ♖d8+ 22.♔c2 ♕xc5+ 23.♔b1 g6 24.a3±) 21.♖ad1 g6 22.♔c2 ♖e5 23.♕f4 ♕xc5+ 24.♔b1 ♖d8↑

19.♔xd3 ♕xc5 20.♖e4!



20...♖xd5+! 21.♘xd5 ♕xd5+→ 22.♔e2 f5! 23.♖c4□ ♘e5

23...♖d8 24.f3□ ♘e5 25.b3 (25.♖ac1 ♘d3 26.♕e3 (26.♕d2 ♕e5+ 27.♔f1 ♕xh2∓) 26...b5 27.♖c7 ♘xc1+ 28.♕xc1 ♕xa2 29.♕c3 ♕e6+ 30.♔f2 ♖d7∓) 25...♖e8! 26.♔f1 ♘xc4 27.♕xc4 ♕xc4+ 28.bxc4 ♖c8 29.♖c1 b5 30.c5 ♔f7∓

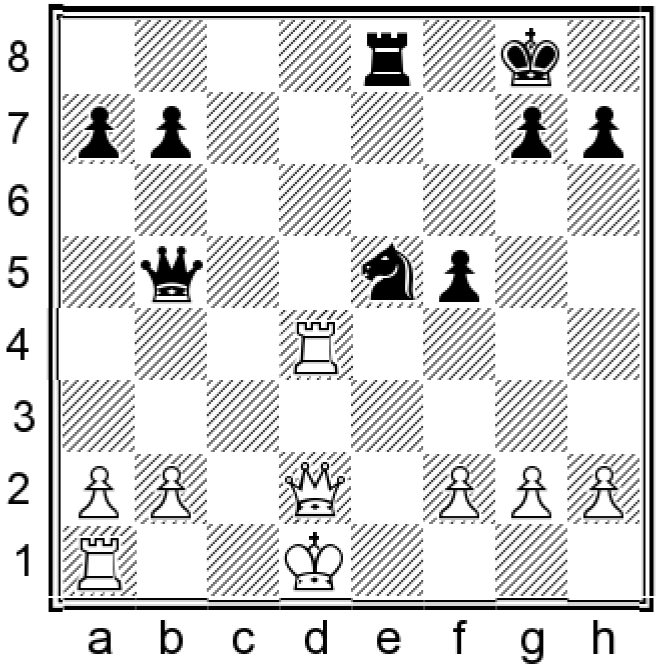
24.♖d4?

24.♖c3□ ♕b5+ 25.♔d1 ♖d8+ 26.♔c2 ♕e2+ 27.♔b3 ♕b5+ 28.♔c2 ♕e2+=

24...♕b5+ 25.♔d1 ♖e8

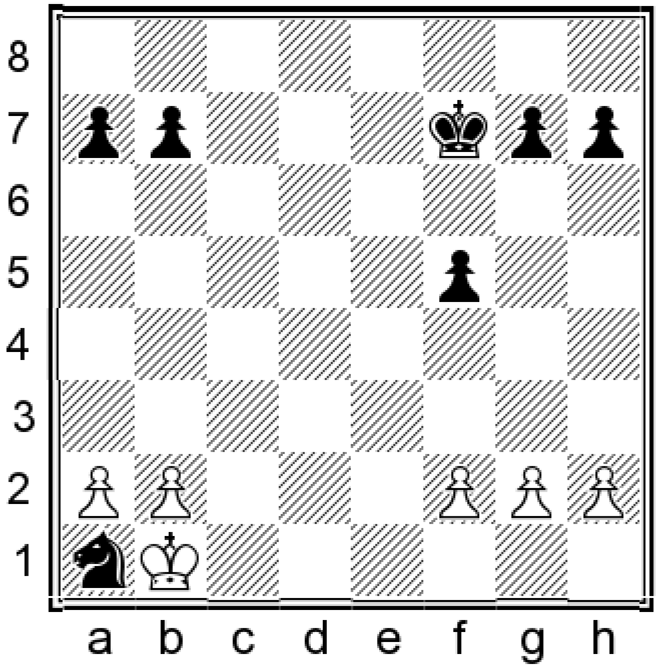
25...♕f1+! 26.♔d2 (26.♔c2? ♖c8+ 27.♔b3 (27.♔d2 ♕xa1-+) 27...♕b5+ 28.♔a3 (28.♖b4 ♕d3+ 29.♔a4 ♖c6-+) 28...♘c4+ 29.♖xc4 ♖xc4-+) 26...♕xa1 27.♕xe5 ♕xb2+ 28.♔e3 ♕a3+! 29.♖d3 f4+ 30.♔e4 ♕xa2∓

26.♕d2!



26...♕f1+?⊕

26...♘c6! 27.♖d3 ♘b4 28.♖e3 ♕f1+ 29.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 30.♕xe1 ♕xe1+ 31.♔xe1 ♘c2+ 32.♔d2 ♘xa1 33.♔c1 ♔f7 34.♔b1



34...♘b3! 35.axb3 ♔e6 36.♔c2 ♔d5 37.♔c3 (37.♔d3? a5 38.♔c3 ♔c5-+) 37...g5! 38.b4 (38.♔d3 ♔c5 39.♔c3 a5-+) (38.f3 a5 39.g3 g4-+) 38...♔e4 39.b5 g4 40.♔d2 f4 41.♔e2 f3+ 42.gxf3+ gxf3+ 43.♔d2 ♔f4-+

27.♔c2 ♕xa1 28.♖d8 ♖xd8 29.♕xd8+ ♔f7 30.♕d5+ ♔f8 31.♕xe5= ♕xa2 32.♕xf5+ ♕f7 33.♕c5+ ♕e7 34.♕xa7 ♕e4+ 35.♔c3 ♕xg2 36.♕c5+ ♔f7 37.♕f5+ ♔g8 38.f3 ♕xh2 39.♕c8+ ♔f7 40.♕xb7+ ♔f6 41.♕c6+ ♔f5 42.b4 ♕e5+ 43.♔d3 h5 44.b5 h4 45.b6 h3 46.b7

46.♕e4+ ♕xe4+ 47.fxe4+ ♔e6 48.b7 h2 49.b8=Q h1=Q=

46...h2 47.♕e4+ ♕xe4+ 48.fxe4+ ♔e6 49.b8=Q h1=Q 50.♕e8+ ♔f6 51.♕f8+ ♔e6 52.♕e8+ ♔f6 53.♕c6+ ♔e7

54.♕c7+ ♔e6 55.♕c6+ ♔e7 56.♕c7+ ♔e6 57.♕c4+ ♔e7 58.♕c5+ ♔e6 59.♕f5+ ♔e7 60.♕g5+ ♔f7 61.♕f4+ ♔e7 62.♕g5+ ♔f7 63.♕f5+ ♔e7 64.♔e3 ♕e1+ 65.♔f3 ♕f1+ 66.♔g3 ♕xf5 67.exf5 ♔f6 68.♔f4 g6 69.fxg6 ♔xg6 70.♔e4 1/2-1/2

146. [D31]
Yuffa, Daniil (2504) - Bologan, Viktor (2654)
Doha 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

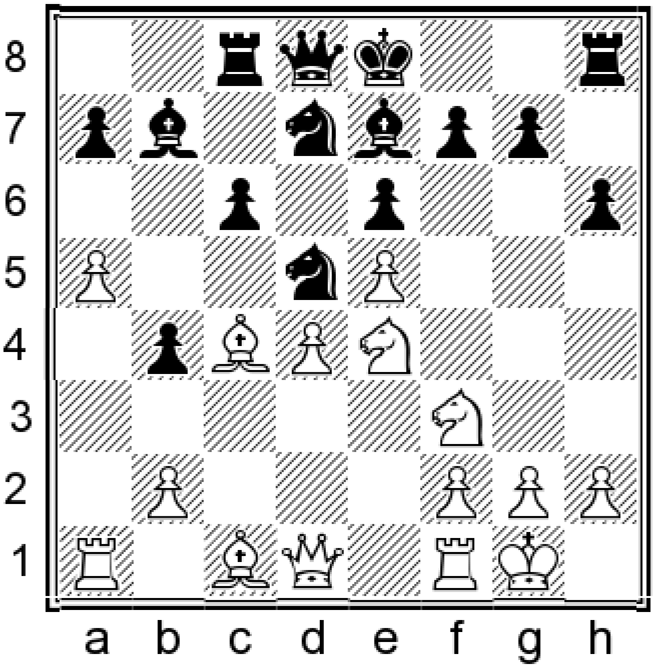
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 dxc4 4.e4 b5 5.a4 b4 6.♘b1 ♘f6

6...♗a6 - 114/ 126, D 10

7.e5 ♘d5 8.♗xc4 e6 9.♘f3 ♗e7 10.O-O ♗b7?!N

10...O-O10...a5

11.♘bd2 ♘d7?! 12.♘e4 h6 13.a5! ♖c8



14.♗xd5! cxd5 15.♘d6+ ♗xd6 16.exd6± ♗a6 17.♖e1 O-O 18.♗d2 ♖b8

18...♖c6!? 19.♗xb4 (19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.dxe5 ♗b5±) 19...♕b8 20.♗a3 ♖fc8 21.♘e5 ♘xe5 22.dxe5 ♗b5±

19.♘e5! ♘xe5 20.dxe5 f5 21.♕h5 ♔h7

21...♕d7 22.♖ac1 ♖fc8 23.♗xh6! Δgxh6 24.♕g6+ ♕g7 25.♕xe6+ ♕f7 26.♕xh6 ♕g7 27.♕d2+-21...♕e8 22.♕xe8 ♖fxe8 23.♗e3 ♖b7 24.♖ec1±

22.♖ac1 ♖b7

22...♕xa5? 23.♖c7+-22...♗c4 23.b3! ♗xb3 24.♖c7 f4 25.♕g4 ♕g5 26.♕xe6+-

23.♖c5 b3 24.h4 ♗b5

24...♗c4 25.♖c1! Δ Rc3-g3

25.♗g5?!

25.♖ec1

25...♕xa5 26.♖ec1 ♕b4 27.♖c7 ♖xc7?

27...♗d7□ 28.♖xb7 ♕xb7 29.♖c7 ♕b5±

28.♖xc7+- ♕e1+ 29.♔h2 ♕xe5+ 30.f4□ ♕d4

30...♕xd6 31.♕xh6+

31.♕xh6+ ♔g8 32.♕xe6+ ♔h8 33.♕e5

33.d733.h5

33...♕xe5 34.fxe5 ♖e8 35.♗e7 d4 36.d7 ♗xd7 37.♖xd7 d3 38.♗b4 1-0

147. [D37]
Topalov, Veselin (2803) - Adams, Michael (2744)
London 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗f4 O-O 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.c5 c6 8.h3 b6 9.b4 a5 10.a3 h6 11.♗d3 ♗a6 12.♗xa6 ♖xa6 13.O-O

13.b5 - 88/368

13...♕c8 14.♖b1 axb4 15.axb4 ♕b7 16.♘e1N

16.♘d2

16...♖fa8 17.♘c2 ♖6a7 18.f3 ♕c8 19.♕d3 bxc5 20.bxc5 e5! 21.dxe5

21.♗g3 ♗d8∞

21...♘xc5 22.♕d2 ♘fd7∞ 23.♘d4 ♘e6 24.♖fc1 ♘xf4

24...♗a3!? 25.♘xd5 (25.♖c2 ♖b7 26.♖xb7 ♕xb7 27.♔h2 ♘xf4 28.exf4 ♘b6↑) 25...♘xd4 26.♕xd4 (26.exd4 ♗xc1 27.♖xc1 ♕e8 28.♘b4 ♖a1 29.♔h2 ♖xc1 30.♕xc1 ♖c8∓) 26...♕a6 27.♘c7! ♖xc7 28.e6 ♘f8 29.♗xc7 ♘xe6 30.♕e5 ♗xc1 31.♖xc1 ♕e2 32.♔h1∞

25.exf4 ♗c5 26.♔h2 ♗xd4

26...♖b7!? 27.♖xb7 ♕xb7 28.♘ce2 ♗b4 29.♕c2 c5 30.♘f5 ♘f8 31.♘d6 ♕c6∞

27.♕xd4 ♘f8

27...♕e8!? ∆ Qe6

28.♕d2 ♘g6

28...♘e6!?

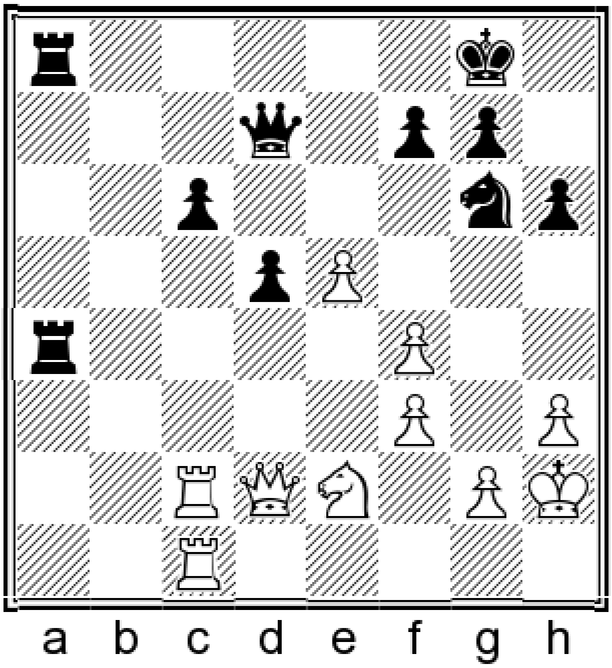
29.♖b2 ♕d7

⌓29...♖a5 30.♘e2 ♘e7 31.♘d4 c5 32.♘b5 c4 33.♘d6 ♕e6∞

30.♘e2↑ ♖a4?!

30...♖a1

31.♖bc2



31...♖8a6?!

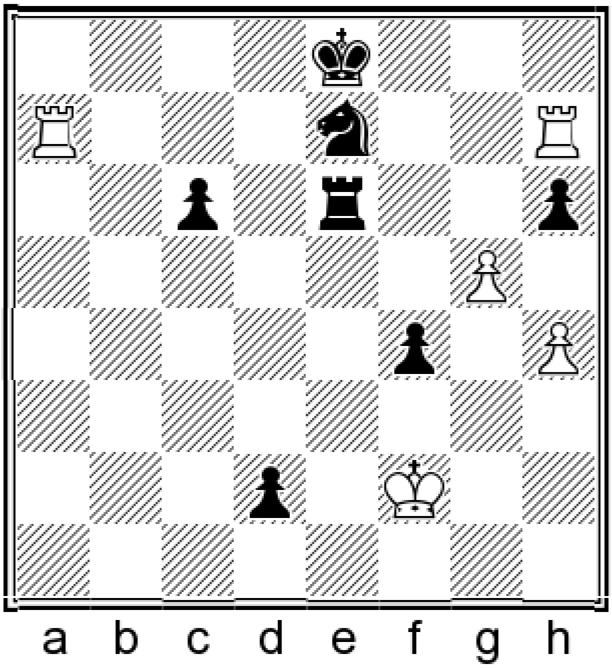
31...♕a7!? 32.♖xc6 ♕f2 33.♖1c2 ♘h4 34.♘g1 ♕xd2 35.♖xd2 d4 36.♔g3 ♘f5+ 37.♔f2 ♖a2 38.♖cc2 ♖2a3⇄

32.♘d4 ♘e7?

32...♖c4 33.♖xc4 dxc4 34.♖xc4 c5 35.♖xc5 ♖a4 36.♘b3 ♕xd2 37.♘xd2 ♘xf4±

33.♘b3 ♕f5 34.♘c5 ♖a8 35.♘xa4 ♖xa4 36.g3

36.g4!? ♕xf4+ 37.♕xf4 ♖xf4 38.♔g3 g5 39.♖a2 ♘g6 40.e6! fxe6 (40...♖f6 41.exf7+ ♔xf7 42.♖a7+ ♔f8 43.♖c7 ♘e5 44.♖e1! ♘g6 45.♖a1 ♘e7 46.♖a8+ ♔f7 47.♖h8 ♖e6 48.♖h7+ ♔f8 49.♔f2 ♔e8 50.♖a7 d4 51.f4! gxf4 52.h4 d3 53.g5 d2 54.g6! d1=N+ 55.♔f3! ♖e3+ 56.♔g2 ♖g3+ 57.♔h2 ♖xg6 58.♖hxe7+ ♔f8 59.♖ed7+-) 41.♖xc6 ♔f7 (41...♖f6 42.♖a7+-) 42.♖a7+ ♔f6 43.♖aa6 ♘f8 44.h4 ♔e5 45.h5+-



36...g5 37.fxg5 hxg5 38.♖e1?

38.♕c3 ♖c4 (38...d4 39.♕c5 d3 40.♖f2 ♘g6 41.♖e1+-) 39.♕b2 ♖xc2+ 40.♖xc2 ♘g6 (40...♕xf3 41.e6! ♘f5 42.♖c3 ♕e4 43.♖xc6+-) 41.♖e2 ♘f8 42.♔g2+-

38...♘g6 39.e6 fxe6 40.♖xc6

40.g4!? ♕f6 (40...♕xf3?! 41.♕xg5 ♕f7 42.h4 ♔h7 43.h5 ♕c7+ 44.♔h1 ♘f4 45.♖f1±) 41.♖xc6 ♘e5 42.♖c8+ ♔h7 43.♖f1 ♘xf3+ 44.♔h1 ♖a1 45.♕f2 ♔g6 46.♖fc1 ♖xc1+ 47.♖xc1↑

40...♘e5= 41.♖c8+

41.♖c3 d4 42.♖b3 ♘xf3+ 43.♖xf3 ♕xf3 44.♖xe6 ♕d5 45.♖g6+ ♔f7 46.♖xg5 ♖a2 47.♖xd5 ♖xd2+ 48.♔g1 ♔e6 49.♖a5 d3=

41...♔f7 42.♖f1 ♘xf3+ 43.♖xf3 ♕xf3 44.♕c2 ♔g7□ 45.♕xa4

45.♖c7+ ♔f6=

45...♕f2+ 46.♔h1 ♕f1+ 47.♔h2 1/2-1/2

148. [D38]
Krasenkow, Michal (2610) - Hammer, Jon Ludvig (2695)
Stockholm 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.♕a4+ ♘c6 8.e3 O-O 9.♖c1 ♕g6 10.♕c2 ♕xc2 11.♖xc2 ♖d8 12.a3 ♗f8 13.♗e2

13.♘b5 - 96/(312)

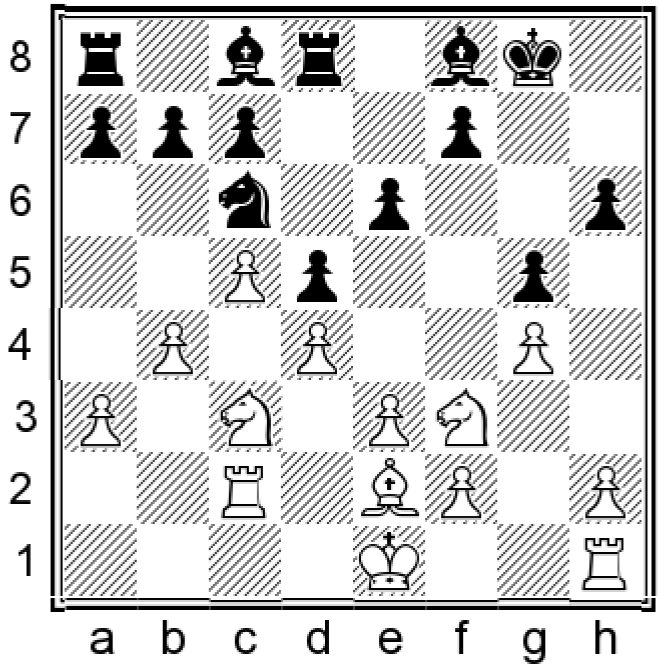
13...♘a5N

13...a613...♘e7

14.c5 ♘c6 15.b4

15.♘b5!? ♖d7 16.♘e5 ♘xe5 17.dxe5 a6 18.♘d4 c6∞

15...g5 16.g4



16...e5! 17.♘xe5

17.♘b5!?

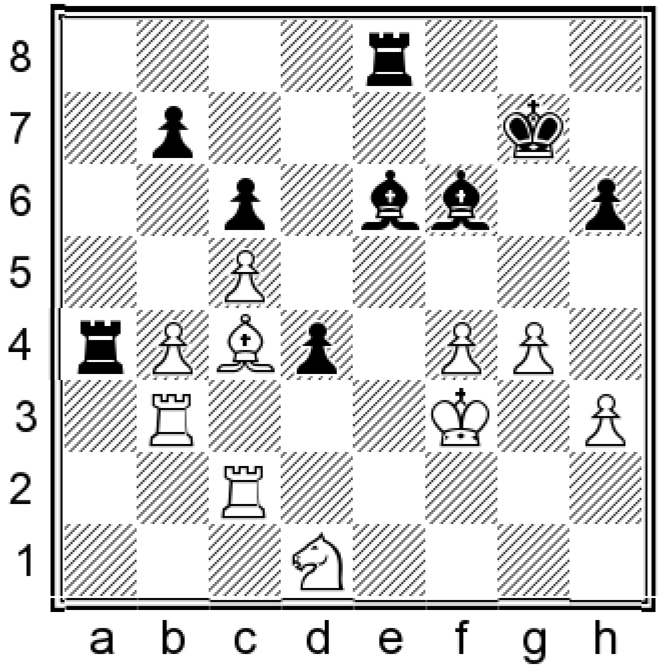
17...♘xe5 18.dxe5 a5! 19.O-O axb4 20.axb4 c6=∞ 21.♖d1 ♗g7 22.f4 ♖e8

22...gxf4 23.exf4 f6 24.exf6 ♗xf6=∞22...♖a3!?

23.♔f2 gxf4 24.exf4 f6 25.exf6 ♗xf6 26.h3 ♖a3 27.♖d3 ♔g7↑ 28.♔f3?!

28.b5

28...♗e6 29.♘d1 ♖a4∓ 30.♖b3 d4 31.♗c4



31...♖a2!! 32.♖xa2

32.♖c1 ♗xc4 33.♖xc4 ♖h2∓

32...♗xc4 33.g5 ♗xb3 34.gxf6+ ♔xf6 35.♖d2 ♗xd1+ 36.♖xd1 ♖e3+ 37.♔f2 ♖e4-+ 38.♖d3?!

38.♔g3 ♔f538.♖g1 ♖xf4+ 39.♔e2 ♖h4

38...♖xf4+ 39.♔e2 ♔e5 40.♖g3 ♔e4 41.♖g7 d3+ 42.♔d2 ♖f2+ 43.♔c3 ♖c2+ 44.♔b3 ♖c1 45.♖e7+ ♔f3 46.♖f7+ ♔e2 47.♖e7+ ♔d1 48.♔b2 d2 49.♖e4 ♖c2+ 50.♔b1 ♖c3 0-1

149.** [D39]
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2748) - Carlsen, Magnus (2834)
Doha 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.e3 O-O 8.♖c1 dxc4 9.♗xc4 c5 10.O-O cxd4 11.♘e4 ♕e7 12.exd4 - 127/149

12.a3N ♗a5 13.♕xd4 ♘c6 14.♕c5 ♗b6 15.♕xe7 ♘xe7 16.♖fd1 ♖d8 17.♘d6 - 127/(149) (17.♖xd8+N ♗xd8 18.♘d6 (18.♗e2!?) 18...♘f5 19.♘xf5 exf5 20.♘d4 ♗d7 21.♗d5 ♖b8 22.b4 a5= Li, C (2750) -Matlakov, M (2689) Skopje 127/(149) 2015) 17...♗c7 18.♘b5 ♗b6 19.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 20.♘e5 ♘c6 21.♘xc6 bxc6 22.♘d6 a5= Fressinet, L (2702) - Gajewski, G (2654) Berlin (blitz) 127/(149) 2015

12...♖d8

12...♘c6 - 78/407

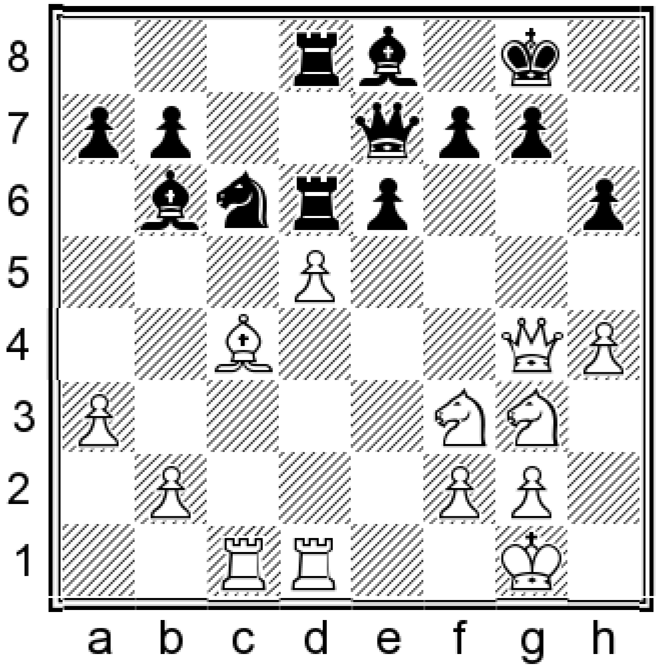
13.♕e2 ♘c6 14.♖fd1 ♗a5 15.♘g3?! ♗b6 16.♕e4 ♗d7 17.h4N

17.♘h517.a3!? ♗e8 18.b4 ♖ac8∞

17...♗e8 18.a3 ♖d6 19.♕g4?

19.d5 exd5 (19...♖ad8?! 20.♕c2! ♖xd5 (20...exd5 21.♘f5±) 21.♗xd5 exd5±) (19...♕d8 20.♖d3 exd5 21.♗xd5 ♘e7 22.♘f5 ♘xf5 23.♕xf5↑) 20.♖xd5 ♕xe4 21.♘xe4 ♖xd5 22.♗xd5 ♖d8 23.♘c3 g6↑

19...♖ad8 20.d5



20...♕f8!∓ 21.♕e4

21.♕f4 ♘e7 22.♘e4 ♘xd5 23.♕g3 ♖c6 24.♘e5 ♗c7∓21.♗b3!?

21...♘e7 22.♗d3 f5 23.♕e5 ♘xd5 24.♗xf5?

24.♗c4

24...exf5 25.♘xf5 ♖c6! 0-1

150. [D41]
Topalov, Veselin (2803) - Carlsen, Magnus (2850)
London 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♗b4+ 9.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 10.♕xd2 O-O 11.♗c4 ♘d7 12.O-O b6 13.a4 ♗b7 14.♖fe1 ♘f6 15.♗d3 h6

15...♖c8 - 32/509

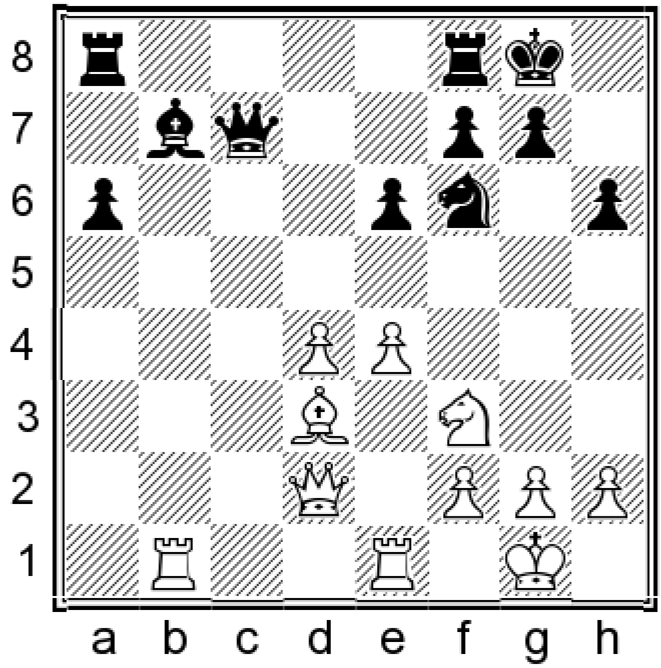
16.a5 a6N

16...bxa5

17.axb6 ♕xb6 18.♖ab1

18.♖eb1 ♕c7 (18...♕a7 19.♕e3 ♖fd8 20.h3 ♖ac8 21.♖a3 ♖c7 22.♖b4±) 19.♖c1 ♕e7 20.♕e2 ♖fc8 21.♖cb1±

18...♕c7



19.♖bc1

19.♘e5!? ♖fb8 (19...♖fd8 20.♖ec1 ♕e7 21.f3± Δ♖xd4? 22.♕b2 ♖xd3 23.♘xd3+-) 20.f3±

19...♕e7 20.♕a5?!

20.♘e5 ♖fd8 (20...a5 21.f3 a4 22.♖c4±) 21.♖c4 a5 (21...♘d7 22.♘f3↑) 22.♕c3↑20.♖c5!? ♖fc8 21.♖a5

20...♖fc8 21.♖xc8+

21.♖b1!? ♕c7 22.♕b4 ♖ab8 23.♕d2

21...♖xc8 22.♘d2

22.♘e5 ♕d6 23.♕a1 a5 (23...♖d8 24.d5 exd5 25.♘xf7 ♔xf7 26.e5 ♕e7 27.exf6 ♕xf6 28.♕b1⯹) 24.f3 ♗a6=

22...♕d7 23.♕b6

23.♕a1 a5 24.♖d1 a4=

23...♖c3 24.♗xa6?!

24.♗b1 ♕b5 25.♕d8+ ♘e8 26.♘f3 ♖c8 27.♕e7 ♖c7 28.♕a3=

24...♗xa6 25.♕xa6 ♕xd4 26.♘f3 ♕c5↑ 27.e5 ♘d5 28.♕a8+ ♔h7 29.♕b7 ♖c1

29...♕b4!? 30.♕xb4 ♘xb4 31.h3 ♘d3 32.♖e2 ♖c1+ 33.♔h2 g5 34.g3 ♔g6↑

30.♕b2 ♖c2 31.♕d4 g5 32.g3 ♔g7 33.♕xc5 ♖xc5 [R 9/h] **34.♖e4 ♔g6 35.h3 ♘e7 36.h4 ♔f5 37.♖a4 ♘c6 38.hxg5 hxg5 39.g4+ ♔g6 40.♖e4 ♘e7 41.♔g2 ♘d5 42.♔g3 ♖c3 43.♖e1 ♖a3 44.♖e4 ♖a8 45.♖c4 ♖h8 46.♖e4 ♘c3**

46...♘f4? 47.♘xg5=

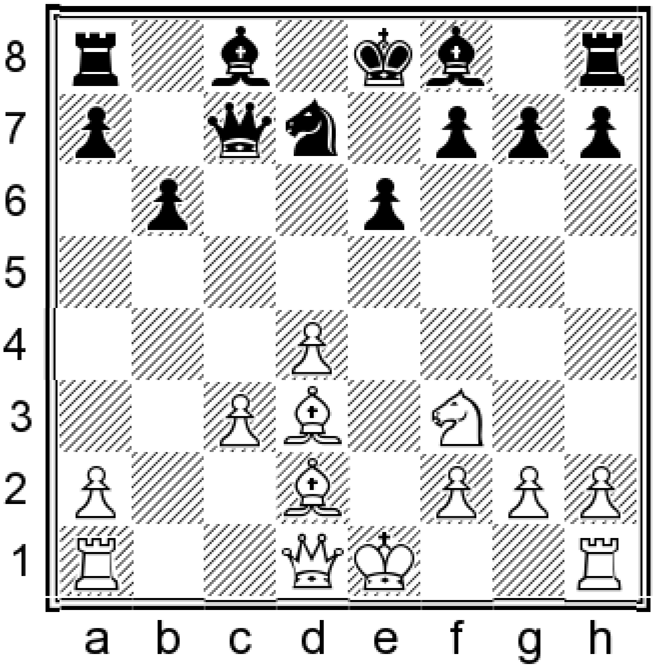
47.♖e3 ♖c8 48.♖e1 ♖c4 49.♖e3 ♘e4+ 50.♔g2 ♖a4 51.♖e1 ♘c5 52.♔g3 ♖f4 53.♘d2 ♘d3 54.♖e2 ♖a4 55.♘f3 ♖a8 56.♖e3 ♖d8 57.♖e4 ♖h8 58.♖c4 ♖a8 59.♖c3 ♘f4 60.♖c4 ♘e2+ 61.♔g2 ♖h8 62.♖e4

62.♘e1 ♘f4+ 63.♔f3 ♖h1 64.♖c1 ♖h3+ 65.♔e4 ♖a3 66.♖c4 ♖a2 67.♘c2=

62...♘f4+ 63.♔g1 ♖a8 64.♘h4+ ♔h6 65.♘g2 ♘d3 66.♘e1 ♖a1 67.♔f1 ♔g6 68.♖e3 ♘f4 69.♖e4 ♔g7 70.♔g1 ♘d3 71.♔f1 ♔f8 72.♖e3 ♘f4 73.♔g1 ♖a4 74.♔h2 ♘d5 75.♖g3 ♔g7 76.♘d3 ♖d4 77.♔g1 ♘b6 78.♔f1 ♖e4 79.♔g2 ♘c4 80.♔h3 ♖d4 81.♔g2 ♔f8 82.♔f1 ♔e7 83.♔e2 ♖e4+ 84.♔d1 ♘xe5 85.♘xe5 ♖xe5 86.♔d2= ♔f6 87.♖a3 ♔g6 88.♖a6 f5 89.gxf5+ ♔xf5 90.♖a3 ♔f4 91.♖b3 g4 92.♖a3 ♖e4 93.♖b3 e5 94.♖a3 ♖b4 95.♔e2 ♖b1 96.♖a4+ e4 97.♖a3 1/2-1/2

151. [D42]
Aronian, Levon (2781) - Carlsen, Magnus (2850)
London 2015 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 c5 3.♘f3 e6 4.e3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.d4 cxd4 7.exd4 ♘xc3 8.bxc3 ♕c7 9.♗d2 ♘d7 10.♗d3 b6



11.♘g5!?N

11.O-O

11...♘f6

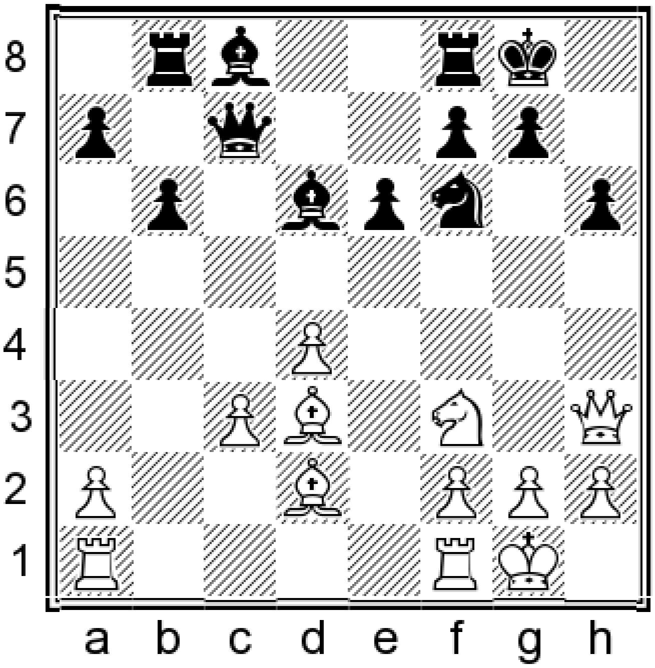
11...♗b7 12.♕h5 (12.♕g4 ♘f6 13.♗b5+ ♗c6 14.♘xe6 (14.♕f3 ♖c8 15.a4 h6 16.♘e4 ♔e7! 17.♗xc6 ♕xc6 18.♘xf6 ♕xf3 19.gxf3 ♔xf6∓) 14...♕d6! 15.♗xc6+ ♕xc6 16.♘xg7+ ♔d8! 17.♕h4 ♗xg7 18.O-O ♔c7↑) 12...g6 13.♕h3 ♗g7 14.O-O ♘f6 15.♖fe1 O-O∞

12.♕f3 ♖b8 13.O-O ♗d6 14.♕h3 h6

14...♗f4 15.♗xf4 ♕xf4 16.♗b5+ (16.♘f3 O-O 17.♘e5↑) 16...♔e7 (16...♗d7 17.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 18.♕h5!± ×e6) 17.c4!↑ ∆ ♕a3

15.♖fe1

15.f4 ♗b7 16.♖ae1 O-O∞15.♘f3 ♗b7 (15...O-O?



16.♗xh6! ♗b7 (16...gxh6? 17.♕xh6 ♕d8 18.♘g5+-) 17.♕h4 ♖fd8 (17...♗xf3 18.♗xg7! ♘h5 19.♗h6+-) 18.♗g5 (18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♕g5+ ♔f8 20.♕xf6 ♗xf3 21.♕xf3 ♗xh2+ 22.♔h1 ♕f4±) 18...♗xf3 19.gxf3±) (15...♗f4 16.♗xf4 ♕xf4 17.♘e5±) 16.♖fe1 ♗xf3 17.♕xf3 ♗xh2+ 18.♔h1 ♗d6 19.a4=∞

15...O-O

15...♗xh2+ 16.♕xh2 ♕xh2+ 17.♔xh2 hxg5+ 18.♔g1=∞

16.♘f3 ♗f4

16...e5!? 17.♕h4 (17.♗f5?! e4 18.♘h4 ♗b7∓) 17...e4! 18.♗xe4 ♘xe4 19.♕xe4 (19.♖xe4 ♗f5 20.♖ee1 ♖fe8=∞) 19...♗b7 20.♕g4 ♗xf3 21.♕xf3 ♗xh2+ 22.♔h1 ♗d6=

17.♗xf4 ♕xf4 18.♘e5↑ ♗b7 19.♖ad1 ♕g5 20.c4 ♖bd8 21.♕g3?!

21.a4!?21.♗f1!?

21...♕xg3 22.hxg3= ♖fe8 [Δ ♖e7-c7]

22...♘d7=

23.f3 ♘d7

23...♖e7 24.♗c2 ♖c7 25.♗b3=

24.♔f2

24.♘g4 h5 25.♘e3 ♘f6 26.♗c2=

24...♔f8

24...♘xe5 25.♖xe5 ♖e7 26.♗c2 ♖c7 27.♗b3 ♗a6 28.c5=

25.♗c2 ♘xe5 26.♖xe5 ♖e7 27.♗b3 ♖ed7 28.♔e3 g6 29.g4 ♗c6 30.d5 exd5 31.cxd5 ♗b7 32.f4 f6 33.♖e6 ♗xd5 34.♖xd5 ♖xd5 35.♗xd5 ♖xd5 36.♖xf6+ ♔g7 37.♖c6 ♖a5 38.♖c2 ♔f6 39.♖c6+ ♔g7 40.♖c2 ♔f6 1/2-1/2

152. [D44]

Wang, Yue (2729) - Bu, Xiangzhi (2710)
Taizhou 2015 [Szuhanek, Ranko]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗g5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♘xg5 hxg5 10.♗xg5 ♗e7 11.exf6 ♗xf6 12.♗xf6 ♕xf6 13.g3 ♘a6 14.a4

14.♗g2 - 99/(296)

14...♘b4!?N

14...♗b7

15.axb5 cxb5

15...♗b7 16.♘e4 ♕g6 17.f3 (17.♘d6+ ♔e7 18.♘xb7 ♕e4+ 19.♔d2 cxb5! (19...♕xh1 20.♕a4 ♘d5 21.♗xc4 ♕g2∓) 20.♗e2 ♖ab8 21.♘d6 ♔xd6 22.♖a3 ♖bd8 23.f3 ♕f5 24.♔c1 ♔c7-+) 17...O-O-O 18.bxc6 ♘xc6 19.♗xc4 ♘xd4 20.♗a6 ♗xa6 21.♖xa6 ♕h5 22.♔f2 ♕b5 23.♖xa7 ♔b8 24.♖a2 ♘f5 25.♕e2 ♕b6+ 26.♔g2 ♘e3+ 27.♔f2 ♘f5+=

16.♘xb5 ♔f8

16...♔e7

17.♕d2

17.♗xc4 ♗b7 18.f3 ♗xf3 (18...♕xf3 19.♕xf3 ♗xf3 20.O-O ♗d5 21.♗xd5 ♘xd5 22.♘xa7) 19.O-O ♕h6 20.♖xf3 ♕xh2+ 21.♔f1 ♕xb2 22.♔g1 ♕h2+=17.♘d6 e5 18.♘xc4 exd4 19.♗g2 ♕e6+ 20.♕e2 ♖b8 21.♔d2 ♕g6 22.♕e4 ♕f6 23.♕f4 ♕xf4+ 24.gxf4 ♖h4 25.♖xa7 ♗e6 26.♘d6 ♖xf4 27.♖f1 ♖h4 28.♖h1=

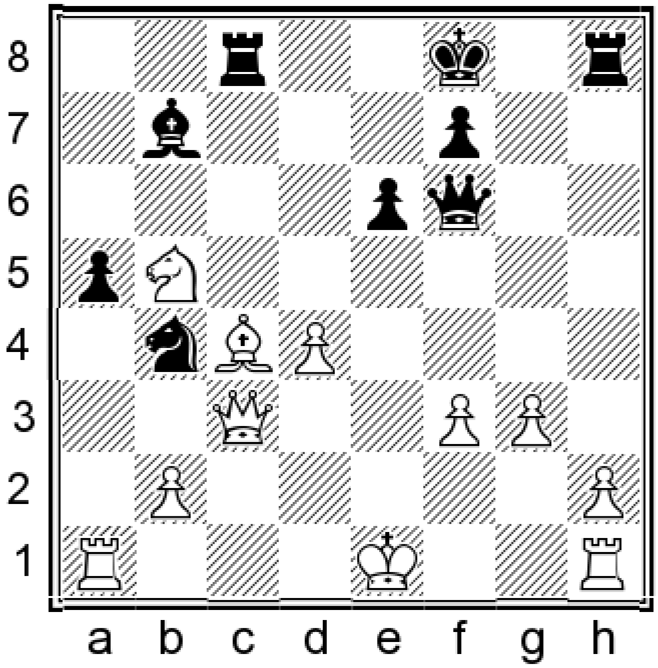
17...a5⇄ 18.♗xc4?!

18.♗e2 ♘d3+ 19.♗xd3 ♕f3 20.♖g1 cxd3 21.h4 ♗a6 22.♘c3 ♖h5 23.♕d1 ♕b7 24.♕xh5 d2+ 25.♔xd2 ♕xb2+ 26.♔d1 ♕xa1+ 27.♔c2 ♕xg1 28.♕c5+ ♔g7 29.♕g5+=

18...♗b7∓ 19.f3

19.♖f1 ♖xh2 20.♖xa5 (20.b3 ♗g2 21.f3 ♕h6! 22.♕xh6+ ♖xh6 23.♖g1 ♗xf3∓) 20...♘c2+ 21.♔d1 ♖xa5 22.♕xa5 ♗g2 23.♖g1 ♗e4 24.♖f1 ♖xf2 25.♖xf2 ♕xf2 26.♕d8+ ♔g7 27.♕g5+ ♗g6 28.♕e5+ ♔g8 29.♕e2 ♕g1+ 30.♔d2 ♘xd4 31.♘xd4 ♕xd4+ 32.♔e1 ♕g1+ 33.♔d2 ♕xg3∓

19...♖c8 20.♕c3



20...♖xc4! 21.♕xc4 ♕xf3 22.♔d2 ♖h5-+ 23.♖he1

23.h4 ♕g2+ 24.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 25.♔xe2 ♗xh1 26.♘c3 ♗c6

23...♖xh2+

23...♗d5 24.♖a3 ♖xh2+ 25.♕e2 ♕f5 26.♘d6 (26.♕xh2 ♕c2+ 27.♔e3 ♕xh2) 26...♖xe2+ 27.♖xe2 ♕c2+ 28.♔e3 ♕c7

24.♖e2 ♗d5 25.♕c8+ ♔g7 26.♖xh2 ♕d3+ 27.♔e1 ♕xg3+ 28.♖f2 ♘d3+ 29.♔e2 ♘xf2 30.♕c3 ♕g2 31.♔e1 ♘e4 0-1

153. [D45]
Adhiban, Baskaran (2653) - Dreev, Alexey (2644)
Wijk aan Zee II 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 e6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♕c2 b6 7.♗d3 ♗b7 8.O-O ♗e7 9.b3 dxc4

9...O-O - 111/209

10.bxc4 c5 11.d5 exd5 12.cxd5 ♘xd5 13.♘xd5 ♗xd5 14.♖d1 ♗f6 15.e4!?N

15.♖b115.♗b515.♗e4

15...c4

15...♗xa1 16.exd5 ♔f8 (16...♗f6 17.d6∞) 17.d6∞

16.♗e2!?

16.♗xc4 ♗xc4 17.e5! ♘xe5 (17...♗e6 18.exf6 ♕xf6 19.♗g5!? (19.♗a3 ♘c5 20.♗xc5 bxc5 21.♕xc5 ♖c8 22.♕b5+ ♔f8±) 19...♕f5 20.♕xf5 ♗xf5 21.♘d4 ♗g4 22.♖e1+ ♔f8 23.h3±) 18.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 19.♘xe5 ♗xe5 20.♗g5 ♗xa1 21.♗xd8 ♗e6 22.♗c7 O-O±

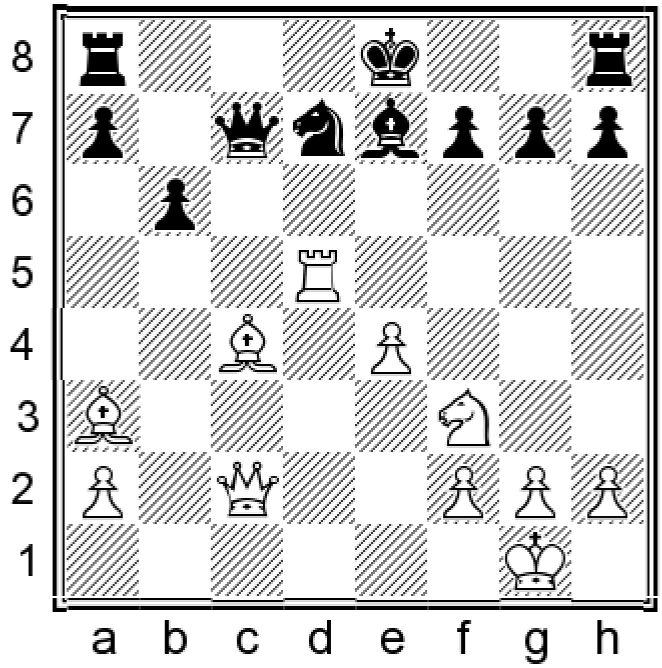
16...♗xa1 17.♖xd5 ♕c7?!

17...O-O? 18.♕d1!±17...♕e7!?

18.♗a3!± ♗f6

18...♖d8 19.e5!±

19.♗xc4 ♗e7



20.♕a4! ♗xa3?

20...a6 21.♗b5 (21.♖e5 O-O 22.♖xe7 b5 23.♕d1 bxc4 24.♖xd7 ♖fd8! 25.♖d5 ♖xd5 26.exd5 ♕a5±) 21...axb5 22.♕xa8+ ♘b8 23.♖e5 O-O 24.♖xe7 ♕c3 25.g3! ♕xf3 (25...b4 26.♘e5 ♕xa3 27.♕d5 ♕a5 28.♖b7+-) 26.♖b7 ♕xe4 27.♖xf7 ♕e1+ 28.♔g2 ♔xf7 29.♕f3+ ♔e6 30.♗xf8±

21.♖xd7! ♕xd7 22.♗b5+- ♕xb5

22...O-O-O 23.♗xd7+ ♖xd7 24.♘e5! ♖d2 25.g3! ♗c5 26.♕c6+ ♔b8 27.♘d7+ ♖xd7 28.♕xd7

23.♕xb5+ ♔f8?!

23...♔e7 24.♕a6 ♗c5 25.♕b7+ ♔d6 26.♕d5+ ♔c7 27.♕xf7+ ♔d6

24.♕b3! 1-0

154. [D45]
Nakamura, Hikaru (2787) - Muzychuk, Mariya (2554)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Tomislav]

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 c6 4.♘c3 e6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♗d6 7.g4 h6 8.♖g1 e5 9.♗d2

9.cxd5 - 123/145

9...e4 10.♘h4 g6N

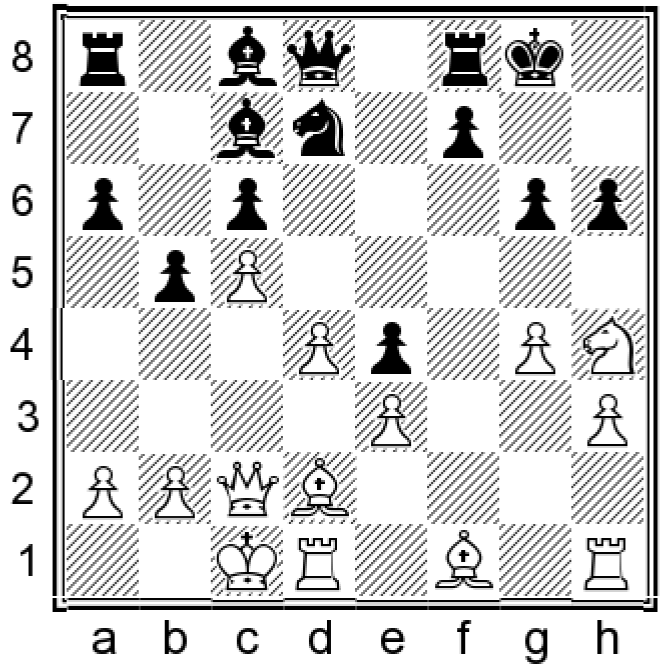
10...♘b6

11.h3 a6 12.O-O-O b5∞ 13.c5

13.f3!?

13...♗h2 14.♖h1 ♗c7 15.f3 a5?

15...exf3? 16.♘xg6! fxg6 17.♕xg6+ ♔f8 18.e4± ->15...O-O 16.fxe4 ♘xe4 17.♘xe4 (17.♘xg6 fxg6 18.♘xe4 dxe4 19.♕xe4 ♖f6 20.♗d3) 17...dxe4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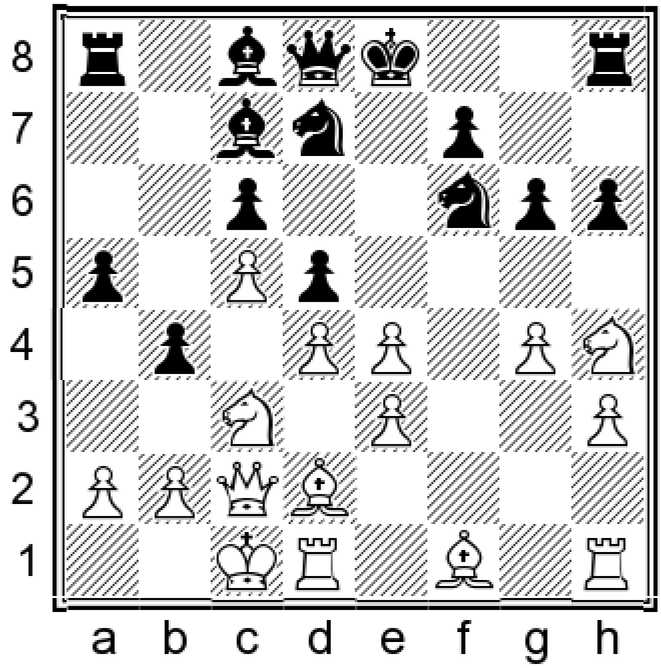
16.fxe4 b4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17.♘xd5! cxd5 18.exd5± ♗g3

18...♘xd5? 19.♘xg6! (19.♕e4+ ♕e7 20.♕xd5 ♖a7±) 19...fxg6 20.♕xg6+ ♔f8 21.♗c4 ♕f6 22.♖hf1 ♘f4 23.♕e4+-18...♔f8!?

19.♘f3

19.♘xg6!? fxg6 20.♕xg6+ ♔f8 21.e4 ♕e8 22.♗xh6+ ♔e7 23.♕g7+ ♔d8 24.♗g5 ♔c7 (24...♗h4 25.♗xh4 ♖xh4 26.e5 ♖h7 27.♕g5+-) 25.♗xf6 ♕xe4 26.d6+ ♔b8 27.♗g5+-

19...O-O?!

19...a4!?

20.♖g1 ♕c7

⌓20...♗b8

21.♗c4+- ♗a6?

21...♔g7

22.d6 ♗xd6 23.♕xg6+ ♔h8 24.♕xh6+ ♘h7 25.♘g5 ♘f6 26.♖df1 1-0

155.*** [D46]
Gledura, Benjamin (2515) - Anand, Viswanathan (2780)
Gibraltar 2016 [Sokolov, Ivan]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♗d6 7.♗d3 O-O 8.O-O e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.e4 exd4 11.♘xd5 ♘xd5 12.exd5 h6 13.♘xd4

13.♖d1 ♘e5 14.♘xd4 ♗g4 15.♗e2 ♖c8N (15...♖e8) 16.♕b3 ♖e8 17.♗f4 ♕f6 18.♗g3 ♗xe2 19.♘xe2 h5 20.♘d4 h4 21.♗xe5 ♖xe5 22.h3 ♖e4 23.♕xb7 ♖b8 24.♕xa7 ♖xb2∓ Navara, D (2730) -Karjakin, S (2769) Wijk aan Zee 127/(155) 2016

13...♕h4 14.♘f3 ♕h5 15.♗h7+ ♔h8 16.♕f5 ♕xf5 17.♗xf5 ♘f6 18.♗xc8

18.♗c2 b6 (18...♗g4 - 66/379) 19.♗a4 ♗b7 20.♗c6 ♗xc6 21.dxc6 ♖ac8 22.♗e3N (22.♘d4) 22...♖xc6= Vachier Lagrave, M (2723) -Giri, A (2773) Stavanger 127/(155) 2015

18...♖fxc8 19.♖d1 ♖d8 20.♗e3 ♗e7 21.d6 ♖xd6 22.♖xd6

22.♖e1 ♗d8N (22...♗f8) 23.♔f1 ♔g8 24.♖ad1 ♖xd1 25.♖xd1 ♗c7 26.♗d4 ♘e8 27.♔e2 a6 28.♗c3 ♘d6 29.♖d5 f6 30.♔d3 ♖e8 31.♗d4 ♔f7 32.♗e3 ½-½(32) Vachier Lagrave, M (2754) -Giri, A (2776) Khanty-Mansiysk 127/(155) 2015

22...♗xd6 23.♖d1 ♗c7 24.♔f1N

24.g3

24...a6 25.h3 ♔g8

25...♖e8=

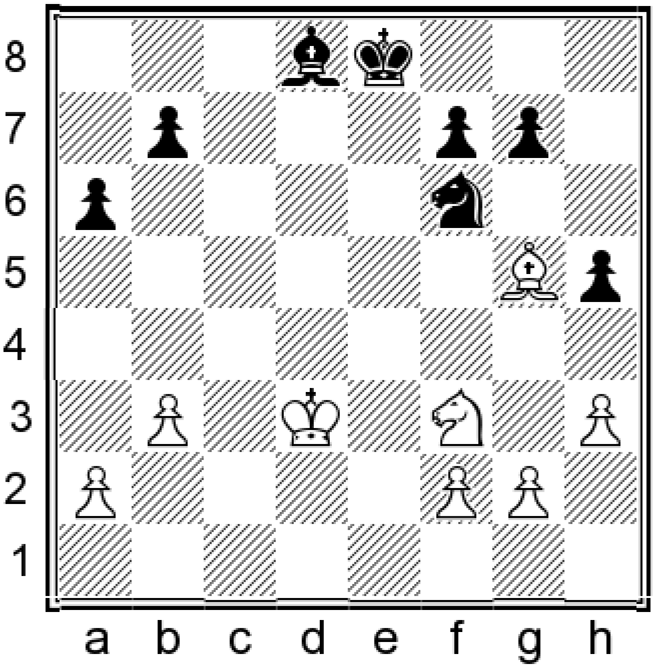
26.b3 ♖d8?!

26...♖e8

27.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 28.♔e2 h5??

28...♔f828...♘d5

29.♗g5 ♔f8 30.♔d3 ♔e8



31.♗xf6!± ♗xf6 32.♔e4 ♗d8 33.♘e5 ♔e7 34.♔d5 ♗b6 35.♘d3 ♔d7 36.♘c5+ ♗xc5? 37.♔xc5 ♔c7 38.h4+- ♔d7 39.♔b6 ♔c8 40.b4 ♔b8 41.f3 ♔c8 42.g4 hxg4 43.fxg4 ♔b8 44.h5 f6 45.a4 ♔c8 46.♔a7 ♔c7 47.b5 a5 48.♔a8 1-0

156. [D47]
Aleksandrov, Aleksej (2615) - Bukavshin, Ivan (2657)
Khanty-Mansiysk 2015 [Szuhanek, Ranko]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 c6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♗d3 dxc4 7.♗xc4 b5 8.♗e2 ♗b7 9.O-O a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 exd5 12.e5 ♘e4 13.♘xd5 ♘b6 14.♘xb6N

14.♘f4 - 69/(404)

14...♕xb6 15.♗e3 ♗e7 16.a4 ♕c6 17.e6

17.axb5 axb5 18.♖xa8+ ♗xa8 19.♕c2 O-O 20.♖a1 c4 21.b3 cxb3 22.♕xb3 ♘c3 23.♗f1 b4 24.♖a7 ♘d5 25.♗d4∞

17...♘d6

17...♕xe6 18.axb5 O-O 19.bxa6 ♗xa6 20.♖xa6 ♖xa6 21.♗xa6 ♕xa6 22.♕c2 ♕a8 23.h3 ♖d8=

18.axb5

18.♖c1 c4 19.exf7+ ♘xf7 20.b3 ♖d8 21.♕c2 bxa4 22.bxc4 O-O 23.♖b1 a3 24.♖b6 ♕c7 25.c5±

18...axb5 19.♖xa8+ ♗xa8 20.♗f4

20.♕a1 O-O 21.♕a7 ♘c8 22.exf7+ ♔h8 23.♕a2 c4 24.♘e1 ♗b7 25.♗f3 ♕c7 26.♗xb7 ♕xb7 27.♘f3 ♘d6 28.♖a1 ♕d5 29.♕a7 ♘f5 30.♗f4 ♖xf7=

20...fxe6

20...O-O 21.♗xd6 ♗xd6 22.♗xb5 ♗xh2+ 23.♔xh2 ♕xb5 24.exf7+ ♖xf7 25.♘e5 ♕b8 26.f4 ♕xb2 27.♕g4 h5 28.♕c8+ ♖f8 29.♕e6+ ♔h7 30.♕g6+ ♔g8 31.♘d7 ♕e2 32.♖a1 ♗xg2 33.♕xg2 ♕xg2+ 34.♔xg2 ♖xf4=

21.♗xd6 ♕xd6 22.♗xb5+ ♔f7 23.♕e2

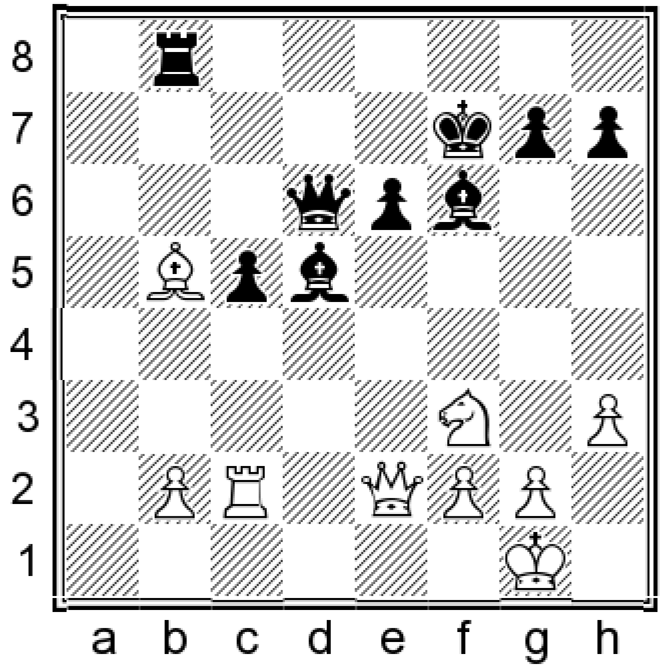
23.♘g5+ ♔g6 24.♘xe6 ♕xe6 25.♖e1 ♕f6 26.♕g4+ (26.♕d7 ♖d8 (26...♕g5 27.♗f1 ♖d8 28.♕xe7 ♕xe7 29.♖xe7 ♔f6

30.♖c7 ♖b8 31.♖xc5 ♖xb2 32.f3±) 27.♕xe7 ♕xe7 28.♖xe7 ♖d1+ 29.♗f1 ♗d5 30.♖d7 ♔f6 31.g4 ♔e6 32.♖xg7 ♗c4∓) 26...♕g5 27.♗d3+ ♔f7 28.♗c4+ ♔g6=

23...♗f6 24.♖a1 ♖d8 25.h3

25.♗c4 ♗d5 26.h4 h6 27.♖a7+ ♔g8 28.b3 ♕f4 29.♖a4 ♕c7 30.h5∞

25...♗d5 26.♖c1 ♖b8 27.♖c2??



27.b3 ♗xb3 28.♗c4 g6 29.♗xb3 ♖xb3 30.♕a2 ♖d3 31.♕a7+ ♔g8 32.♕a8+ ♗d8 33.♕a4 ♖d5 34.♖b1 ♔f8 35.♕a1 ♔f7 36.♕h8 ♖d1+ 37.♖xd1 ♕xd1+ 38.♔h2 ♗c7+ 39.♘e5+ ♗xe5+ 40.♕xe5 ♕d4 41.♕c7+ ♔g8 42.♕b8+ ♔g7 43.♕b7+ ♔f6 44.♔g1 c4∓

27...♗xf3! 28.gxf3 ♖xb5 0-1

D50-D99

157. [D55]
Tan, Zhongyi (2492) - Guo, Qi (2427)
Taizhou 2015 [Tan, Zhongyi]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗e7 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♗xf6 7.e3 O-O 8.♕c2 dxc4

8...b6 - 107/270

9.♗xc4 ♘d7 10.O-O-O!?N

10.O-O c5 11.♖fd1 cxd4 (11...♕b6 12.d5 ♗xc3 13.♕xc3 exd5 14.♗xd5 ♘f6 15.♘e5 ♗f5 16.♖ac1 ♘xd5 17.♖xd5 ♕a6 18.a3 b6 19.♖cd1±) (11...♖e8) 12.♘xd4 ♕e7 13.♘e4 ♗e5 14.♘f3 ♗b8 15.♖ac1±

10...a6?

10...c5 11.h4 cxd4 12.♘xd4 (12.exd4 ♘b6 13.♗b3 ♗d7 14.♕d3 ♕c7 15.♗c2 ♖fc8 16.♕h7+ ♔f8∞) 12...♕e7 (12...♗xh4? 13.♕e4 ♗f6 14.♗d3 ♖e8 15.♕h7+ ♔f8 16.♘d5 exd5 17.♘f5+-) (12...♕c7 13.♘e4 ♗xd4 14.♖xd4 ♘b6 15.♗b3 ♕xc2+ 16.♗xc2 e5 17.♖dd1 ♗g4 18.f3 ♗e6=) 13.g4 ♘b6 14.g5 ♗xd4 (14...♘xc4 15.gxf6 ♕xf6 16.♘e4±) 15.♖xd4 h5 (15...♘xc4 16.♖xc4 b5 17.♘xb5 ♕b7 18.♖g1 ♕xb5 19.gxh6 ♕f5 20.♖xg7+ ♔h8 21.♕c3 e5 22.♖g5 ♕f6 23.♖xe5 ♔h7 24.♖f4 ♕xh6 25.♕d3+ ♔h8 26.♕d1 f5∞) 16.g6 ♘xc4 17.♖xc4 fxg6 18.♖d1∞

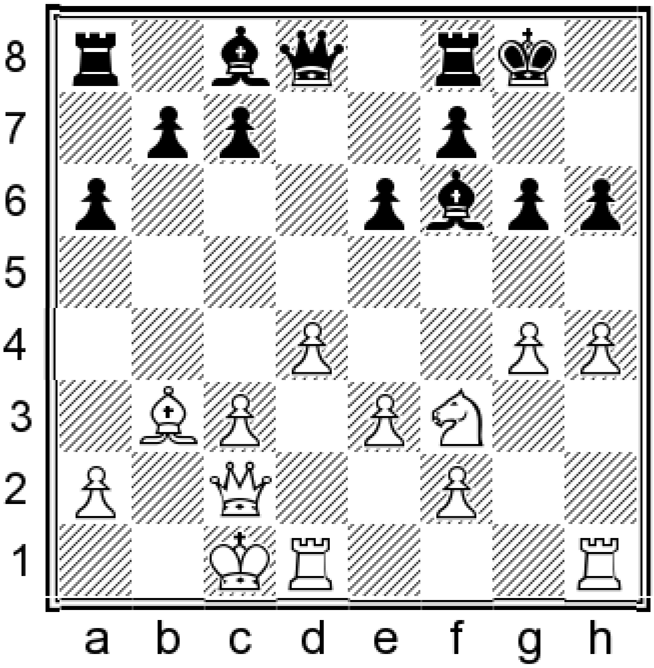
11.h4↑ ♘b6

11...b5 12.♗d3 ♗b7 (12...c5 13.dxc5 ♕c7 14.♗h7+ ♔h8 15.♗e4 ♖b8 16.c6+-) 13.♗h7+ ♔h8 14.♗e4 ♗xe4 15.♘xe4 ♗e7 16.♔b1 f5 17.♘c5 ♗xc5 18.dxc5 ♕e8 19.c6 ♘f6 20.♘e5±

12.♗b3 ♘d5

12...♗d7 13.g4 a5 (13...♗c6? 14.♘e4+-) 14.♕d3 (14.g5? a4) 14...♗c6 15.♗c2 g6 16.e4±

13.g4 ♘xc3 14.bxc3 g6



14...♗e7 15.g5 h5 16.g6 fxg6 17.♘e5 ♖f5 18.♖hg1+-

15.g5! hxg5 16.hxg5 ♗g7

16...♗xg5 17.♖dg1 ♗f6 18.♖xg6+ fxg6 19.♕xg6+ ♗g7 20.♘g5+-

17.♘e5 ♕d6

17...♗xe5 18.dxe5 ♕xg5 19.f4+-17...♕xg5 18.♖dg1 ♕f5 19.♕xf5 gxf5 20.♖g2+-17...♕e7 18.f4+-

18.f4 ♗d7 19.f5+-

19.♘xg6 fxg6 20.♕xg6 ♖f7 21.f5+-

19...gxf5

19...exf5 20.♕h2 ♖fe8 21.♗xf7+ ♔f8 22.♕h7 ♗xe5 (22...♖xe5 23.♕g8+ ♔e7 24.♕xg7+-) 23.dxe5 ♕xe5 24.♖xd7 ♕xc3+ 25.♔d1 ♕a1+ 26.♔c2+-

20.g6 ♗xe5

20...fxg6 21.♕h2 ♖f6 22.♕h7+ ♔f8 23.♘xg6+ ♖xg6 24.♕xg6 ♗e8 25.♕xe6+-

21.dxe5 ♕a3+ 22.♔b1 ♗c6 23.♕h2 1-0

158. [D70]
Carlsen, Magnus (2834) - Li, Chao (2750)
Doha 2015 [Ganguly, Surya Shekhar]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘b6 6.♘c3 ♗g7 7.♗e3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘c6 9.O-O-O f5 10.e5 ♘b4 11.♘h3 ♕e8!?N

11...♗e6 - 99/31311...a5 12.a3 ♘4d5 13.♘f4 ♘xf4 14.♗xf4±

12.♔b1!

12.a3 ♘4d5 13.♘f4 ♘xf4 14.♗xf4 ♗e6! 15.d5 ♖d8∓12.♘f4 ♕f7∞

12...a5

12...♕f7 13.♘g5!±12...♗e6 13.♘f4!

13.♗e2

13.♘f4 g5! 14.♘d3 ♘c4⇄

13...c6 14.♖c1 ♔h8

14...a4 15.a3 ♘4d5 16.♘xd5 ♘xd5 17.♗c4±14...♗e6 15.♘g5 ♗c4 (15...♘c4 16.♕e1! ♘xe3 17.♘xe6±) 16.♗xc4+ ♘xc4 17.♕e2 ♘xe3 18.♕xe3±14...♗d7!? 15.♔a1 ♗e6 16.♘f4 (16.♘g5 ♘c4∞) 16...♕f7⇄

15.♔a1!

15.♘f4 g5!

15...♗e6 16.♘f4!

16.♘g5 ♘c4 17.♗xc4 (17.♕e1?? ♘xe3 18.♘xe6 ♘bc2+-+) 17...♗xc4 18.h4∞

16...♕f7

16...♗g8 17.h4↑

17.h4!?

17.♘xe6 ♕xe6 18.h4 ♖fd8 - 17.h4

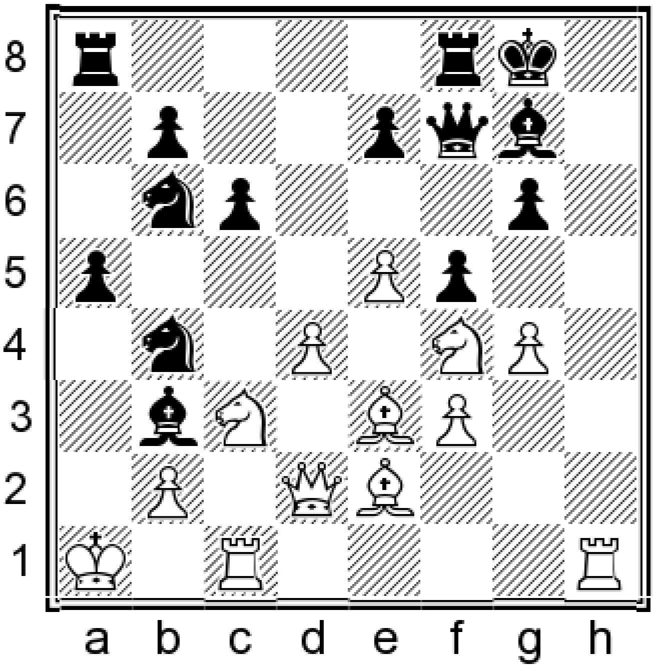
17...♗xa2?

17...c5?! 18.h5!±17...♖fd8! 18.♘h3!? (18.h5 g5! 19.♘g6+ ♔g8 20.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 21.♗xg5 ♕d7 22.♗xd8 ♕xd8∞) (18.g4 c5! (18...♗xe5? 19.h5!+-) 19.h5 g5! 20.♘g6+ ♔g8∓) (18.♕e1 ♗xa2! 19.h5 g5!) (18.♘xe6 ♕xe6 19.f4 (19.h5 g5!∞) (19.h5 g5) 19...h5!) 18...h5! (18...c5?! 19.♘g5 ♕g8 20.h5 cxd4 21.♗xd4 ♘c6 22.♘b5+-) (18...♗xe5?! 19.♘g5 ♕g8 20.h5↑) 19.♗h6!? (19.g4 ♗xa2 20.gxh5 gxh5 21.♖hg1 ♘c4 22.♗xc4 ♗xc4⇄) 19...c5 20.♘g5 ♕g8 21.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 22.♘b5 ♗d7 23.e6 ♗xb5 24.♗xb5 ♖xd4∞

18.h5 ♔g8

18...g5 19.♘g6+ ♔g8 20.♘xf8±

19.hxg6 hxg6 20.g4! ♗b3

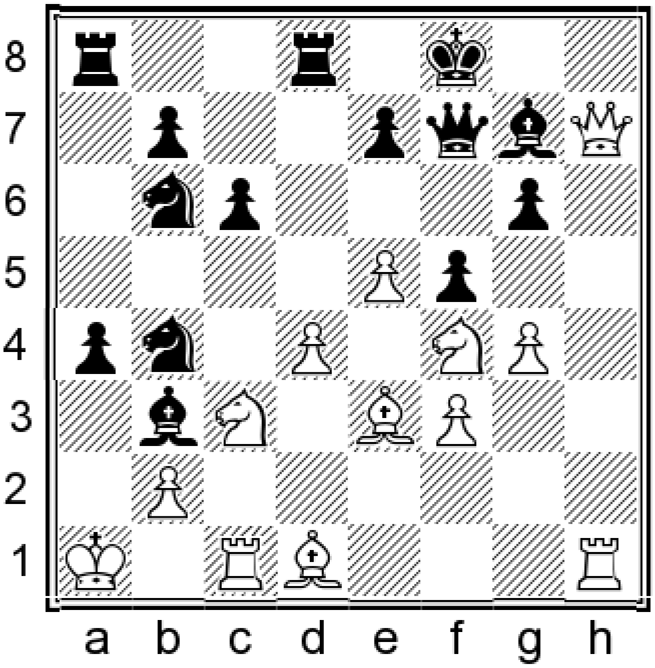


20...a4 21.gxf5 a3 22.b3! ♕xb3 23.♘xg6+-

21.♗d1!

21.♗a6 ♖xa6 22.♕h2 ♖c8 23.♕h7+ ♔f8 24.♘xg6+ ♔e8 25.gxf5 ♗f8 26.♕xf7+ ♗xf7 27.♘xf8 ♔xf8 28.e6+-21.♗f1!?

21...a4 22.♕h2 ♖fd8 23.♕h7+ ♔f8



24.d5!

24.gxf5! gxf5 (24...a3 25.♗xb3 ♕xb3 26.♘e6+! ♔e8 27.♕g8+ ♔d7 28.♘c5++-) 25.d5 (25.♗xb3 axb3+ 26.♔b1 ♖a5 27.♖cg1 ♖da8 28.♕h8+ ♕g8 29.♘e6++-) 25...♘c4 26.♘e6+ ♕xe6 27.dxe6+-

24...♘c4!

24...♘6xd5 25.e6+-

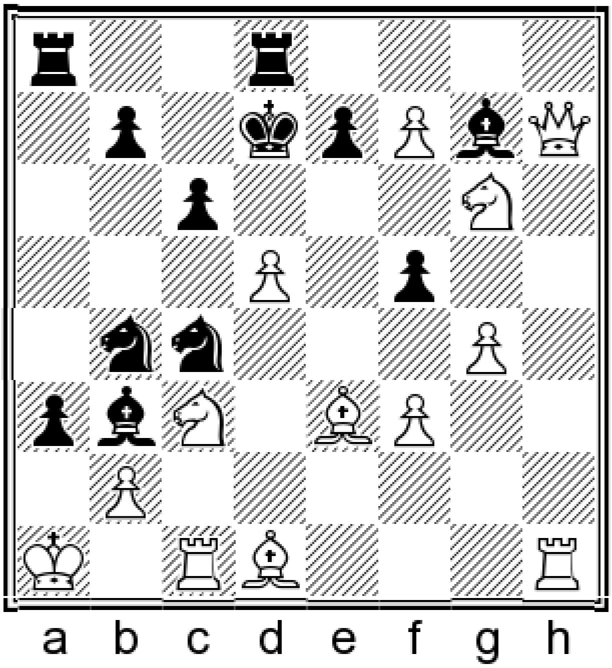
25.♘xg6+!

25.♘e6+? ♕xe6 26.dxe6 a3 27.bxa3 ♖xa3+ 28.♔b1 ♗xd1-+25.e6 a3 26.♘xg6+ ♕xg6-+

25...♔e8

25...♕xg6 26.♕xg6 a3 27.♖h8++-

26.e6 a3! 27.exf7+ ♔d7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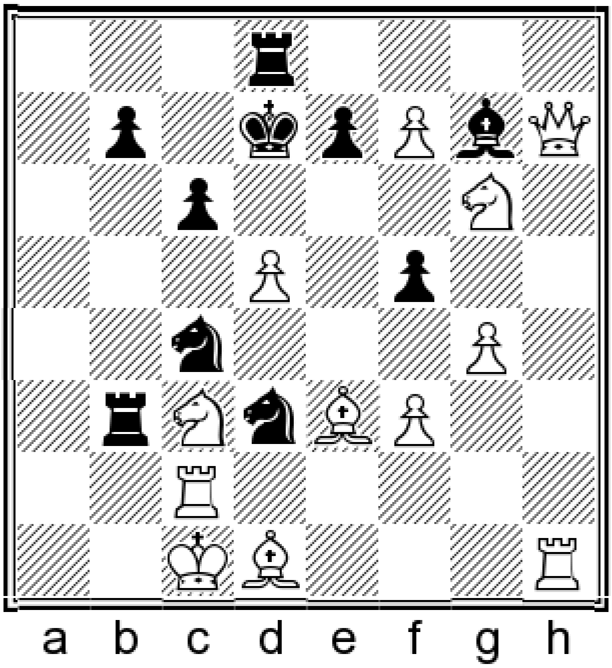
28.♘e5+!!

28.bxa3?? ♖xa3+ 29.♔b1 ♗c2+!! 30.♗xc2 (30.♖xc2 ♖b3+ 31.♔c1 ♘d3#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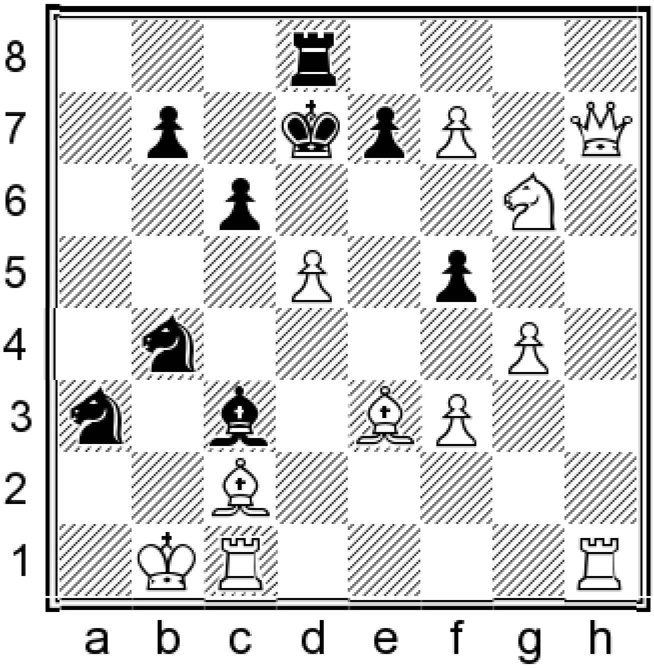
a b c d e f g h

) 30...♖a1+!! 31.♔xa1 ♗xc3+ 32.♔b1 ♘a3#

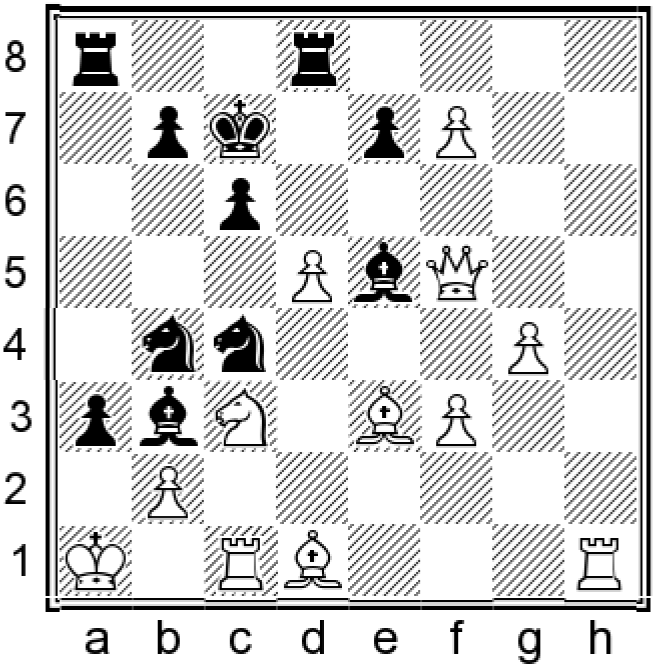


28.♔b1 axb2 29.♘e5+ ♗xe5 30.♕xf5+ ♔c7∓28.dxc6+ bxc6 29.♘e5++-

28...♗xe5

28...♔c7 29.♘xc4+-28...♘xe5 29.♗xb3+-

29.♕xf5+ ♔c7



30.♕xe5+!! ♘xe5

30...♔c8 31.♕e6+ ♔c7 (31...♔b8 32.♗f4+ ♔a7 33.bxa3+-) 32.♘b5+ cxb5 33.♕b6+ ♔c8 34.♕xd8++-

31.♗xb3 axb2+ 32.♔xb2 ♘bd3+ 33.♔b1 ♘xc1 34.♖xc1 ♔c8

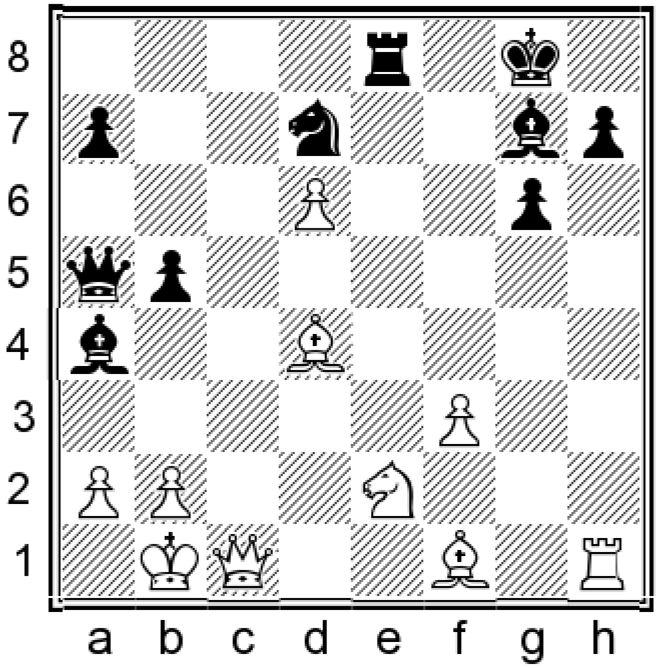
34...♘xf7 35.dxc6+-

35.dxc6 bxc6 36.f4 1-0

159. [D70]**
Nakamura, Hikaru (2787) - Gupta, Abhijeet (2613)
Gibraltar 2016 [Harikrishna, Penteala]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘b6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.♘c3 O-O 8.♕d2 e5 9.d5 c6 10.h4 cxd5 11.exd5 ♘8d7 12.h5 ♘f6 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.O-O-O♕d6

14...♗d7 15.♔b1 ♖c8 16.d6 e4 17.♔a1 ♘a4 (17...♖e8 - 125/157) 18.♘xa4N (18.♘ge2) 18...♗xa4 19.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 20.♕xc1 b5 21.♘e2 ♖e8N (21...♘e8 - 127/(159) 22.♘c3 ♘xd6 23.fxe4 ♕a5 24.♘xa4 ♕xa4 25.♗d3 ♘c4 26.♗xc4+ ♕xc4= Postny, E (2653) -Antal, G (2554) Rhodes 127/(159) 2015) 22.♗c5 ♕a5 23.♔b1 exf3 24.gxf3 ♘d7 25.♗d4



25...♖xe2! 26.♗xe2 ♗xd4 27.♕c8+ ♘f8 28.♗c4+! bxc4 29.♕xc4+ ♔h8 30.♕xd4+ ♔g8 31.♕c4+ ♔h8 32.♕d4+ ♔g8 33.♕c4+ ♔h8 34.♕d4+ ½-½(34) Naroditsky, D (2628) -Fedoseev, V (2664) Doha 127/(159) 2015

15.♔b1 ♗f5+ 16.♔a1 ♖ac8N

16...h5 17.♘h3 e4 18.♗h6 ♖ad8 19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.♘f4 ♖fe8 21.♗b5 e3 22.♕d4 ♖e5 23.♗d3 ♘bxd5 24.♗xf5!± (24.♘fxd5?!)

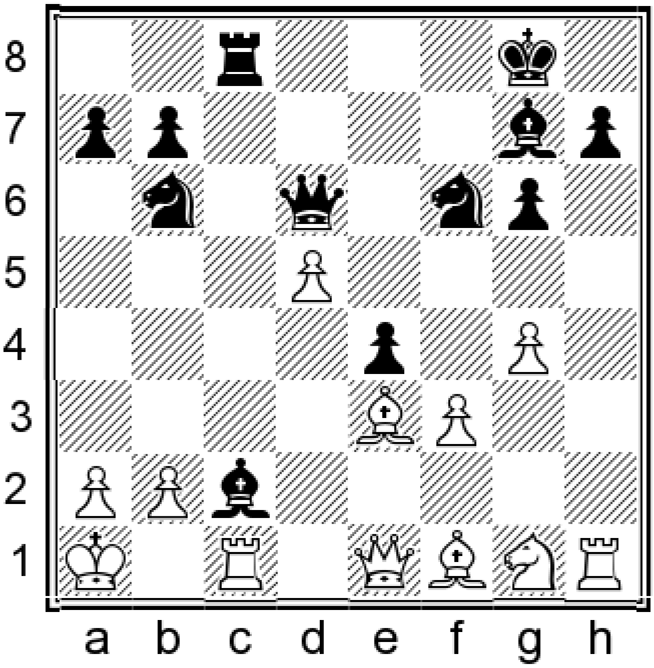
17.g4 ♖xc3 18.♕xc3

18.gxf5 ♖c7 (18...♖xe3!? 19.♕xe3 gxf5) 19.fxg6 (19.♗d3) 19...hxg6 20.♗h6 ♘h5 (20...♘fxd5 21.♗xg7 ♖xg7 22.♘h3±) 21.♗xg7 ♔xg7±

18...♖c8 19.♕e1

19.♕a5 ♗c2 20.♖c1 ♘fxd5 21.♗h6 ♗xh6 22.♖xh6 ♘b4∓19.♕d2 ♖c2 20.♕e1 ♗d7 21.♗d3 ♖xb2 22.♔xb2 ♗a4=∞

19...♗c2 20.♖c1 e4?



20...♘fxd5! 21.♖h2 (21.♗h6 ♗xh6!? (21...♗h8!? 22.♖h2 (22.♕d2 ♕c5 23.♖h2 ♘b4 24.a3 ♘6d5∞) 22...♘b4 23.a3 e4∞) 22.♖xh6 ♘b4 23.a3 a5! 24.♖h2 ♕d5 25.axb4 axb4-+) (21.♕d2 e4!) 21...♘b4 22.a3 e4! 23.♕xb4 ♕xh2⇄

21.♗d4! ♕xd5 22.♗c3 ♗d3

22...exf3 23.♘xf3 ♗e4 (23...♕xf3 24.♖xc2+-) 24.♖d1 ♕c6 25.♘d4+-

23.♘h3 ♘a4 24.♘f4+- ♕d6 25.♘xd3 exd3 26.♗xd3 ♕b6 27.♗c2

27.♗c2 ♘xc3 28.♗b3+ ♔h8 29.♖xc3 ♖xc3 30.♕xc3+-1-0

160. [D77]
Eljanov, Pavel (2717) - Tari, Aryan (2518)
Deutschland 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.c4 dxc4 6.♘a3 c3 7.bxc3 O-O 8.O-O c5 9.♖e1 ♘d5

9...♘c6 - 126/(144)

10.♗b2 ♘c6 11.e4 ♘b6 12.♖b1 ♘a5N

12...cxd412...e5

13.♗a1 ♗d7 14.♕e2 ♖c8

14...e6 15.♘d2 ♗c6 16.♘b3 ♘xb3 17.axb3 cxd4 18.cxd4 ♖e8 (18...♗xd4 19.♖ed1 ♕e7 (19...e5 20.♘c2 ♕e7 21.♘xd4 exd4 22.♗xd4±) 20.♗xd4 ♕xa3 21.♕e3±) 19.♖ed1±

15.d5± c4

15...♗g4 16.c4±15...♘a4 16.c4 ♘c3 17.♕b2! a6 18.♖bc1 b5 19.cxb5 axb5 20.♘xb5! ♗xb5 21.♖xc3 ♗xc3 22.♕xc3 f6 23.e5±

16.♘d4 ♖c5

16...e5 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.♖ed1 ♕e7 19.♘ab5 e5 20.♘xa7 ♖a8 21.♘c2 ♖f6 22.♘b5 ♕c5 23.♘ba3±

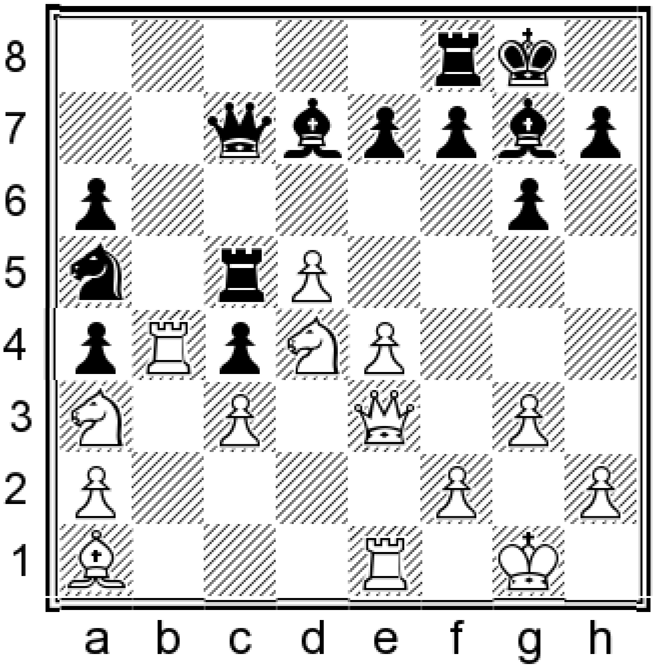
17.♕e3 ♘a4 18.♖b4 a6 19.♗f3

19.♘c6! bxc6 (19...♘xc6 20.dxc6 ♗xc6 21.♖xa4 ♗xa4 22.♕xc5±) (19...♖xc6 20.dxc6 ♗xc6 21.♘xc4 ♘xc4 22.♖xc4±) 20.♖xa4 cxd5 21.♕xc5 ♗xa4 22.exd5±

19...♕c7?!

19...♖c8 20.♗d1 b5 21.♗xa4 bxa4 22.♖d1±

20.♗d1! b5 21.♗xa4 bxa4



22.♘c6! ♖xc6 23.dxc6 ♘xc6 24.♖xc4± ♕d6 25.♘c2

25.♖xa4 ♗h6 (25...♘e5 26.♖b4±) 26.♕xh6 ♘e5 27.♖d4 ♘f3+ 28.♔h1 ♘xd4 (28...♕xa3 29.♖d3! ♘e5 (29...♘xe1? 30.c4+-) 30.♖xd7 ♘xd7 31.c4±) 29.♘c4 ♕c5 30.cxd4 ♕xc4 31.d5 f6 32.♕d2±

25...♘e5 26.♖d4 ♕e6?!

26...♕c7 27.♖b4 a5 28.♖bb1±

27.♖d5± ♕g4

27...♘c4 28.♕d3 ♗b5 29.♘d4 ♕b6 30.♘xb5 axb5 31.♖b1±

28.♘d4 ♗e6 29.♘xe6

29.♖c5 ♗xa2 30.f4 ♘d7 31.♖c7±

29...fxe6

29...♘f3+ 30.♕xf3! ♕xf3 31.♘xf8 ♗xf8 32.c4±

30.♖xe5 ♗xe5 31.♔g2 ♗f4 32.♕d3 ♗d6 33.c4 ♕h5

33...♕g5 34.♕c3 ♕f6 35.♕e3 e5 36.c5±

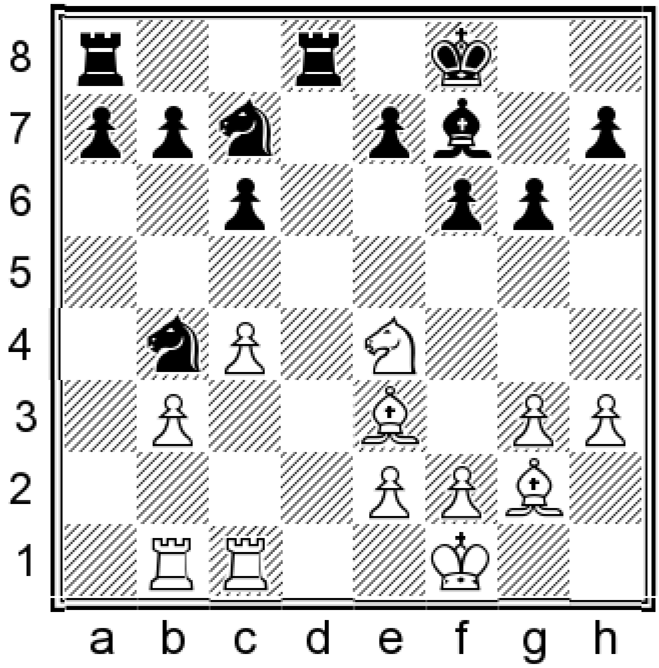
34.♕c3 e5 35.c5+- ♖c8 36.♕c4+ ♔g7 37.cxd6! ♖xc4 38.d7 1-0

161. [D78]
Pert, Nicholas (2572) - Howell, David (2688)
Great Britain (ch-m/3) 2015 [Pert, Nicholas]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.g3 c6 5.♗g2 d5 6.♕b3 O-O 7.O-O ♕b6 8.♘c3 ♖d8 9.♘a4!? ♕xb3 10.axb3 ♘a6 11.♗f4 ♗e6N

11...♗f5 - 124/(152)

12.♖fc1 ♘e8! 13.h3 dxc4 14.bxc4 ♗xd4 15.♘xd4 ♖xd4 16.b3 ♖dd8 17.♗e3 ♔f8 18.♘c3 ♘ec7 19.♘e4 f6 20.♔f1 ♗f7 21.♘d2 ♘b4 22.♘e4 ♘ba6 23.♖ab1! ♘b4?



23...♘e6 24.b4=∞

24.♘xf6! exf6 25.♗c5+ ♔e8 26.♗xb4 ♖d7 27.♖c3 ♖ad8 28.♔e1 ♘e6 29.♖e3 ♗g8 30.♗a5 ♖c8 31.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 32.♔xd1 ♔d7 33.♗c3 ♖f8 34.♔c2 g5 35.♖d3+ ♔e7 36.♗b2 ♖d8 37.♗a3+ ♔e8 38.♔c3 ♖xd3+ 39.exd3 ♗f7 40.b4 ♔d7 41.b5 cxb5 42.♗xb7 bxc4 43.dxc4 [NB 9/e] **43...h5 44.♗e4 ♘d8 45.♗c5 ♗e6 46.h4 gxh4 47.gxh4 ♘c6!**

47...a6 48.♗d4 f5 49.♗f3 ♗f7 50.♗b6 ♘c6 51.♗e2 ♗e8 52.c5 a5 53.♗b5±

48.♗xc6+

48.♗c2!?±

48...♔xc6 49.♗xa7 ♗g4 50.♗d4 f5 51.♗e3 ♔d6 52.♔d4 ♗e2 53.c5+ ♔e6 54.c6?!

54.♗g5 ♗f3 55.♔e3 ♗g4 56.♔f4 ♗h3 57.♗h6 ♔d5 58.♗f8 ♔c6 59.♔g5 ♗g4 60.♗d6 ♔d5 61.♔f4 ♗h3!=

54...♔d6= 55.c7 ♔xc7 56.♔e5 ♔d7 57.♔xf5 ♔e7 58.♔g6

58.f4 ♔f7=

58...♗f3! 59.♗c5+ ♔e6 60.♗b4 ♔e5 61.♔g5 ♔e6 62.♔g6 ♔e5 63.♗d2 ♔e6 64.♗c3 ♔e7 65.♗b4+ ♔e6 66.♗a3 ♔e5 67.♔g5 ♔e6 68.♗b2 ♔f7 69.♔f4 ♗d1 70.♔e4 ♔e6 71.♔f4 ♔f7 72.♔f5 ♗f3 73.♔e5 ♔e7 74.♗a3+ ♔f7 75.♗b4 ♗d1 76.f4 ♗e2 77.f5 ♗d1 78.♗c3 ♗e2 1/2-1/2

162. [D78]
Kramnik, Vladimir (2801) - Giri, Anish (2798)
Zuerich (rapid) 2016 [Colovic, Aleksandar]

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.d4 c6 5.O-O ♘f6 6.b3 O-O 7.♗b2 ♗f5 8.c4 a5 9.♘c3 ♘e4 10.cxd5

10.e3 - 103/(330)

10...♘xc3 11.♗xc3 cxd5 12.♘e5 ♘c6 13.♕d2N

13.♖c1

13...a4 14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.b4 ♗c8 16.e4 ♗a6 17.♖fe1 dxe4 18.♗xe4 ♗b5 19.♖ac1 e6

19...a3

20.a3 ♕d6 21.♗b2 ♖fd8 22.♖ed1 ♖ac8 23.♖c5 ♕b8 24.♖dc1 ♕b7 25.♕g5!± h6

25...♗xd4? 26.♗xd4 ♖xd4 27.♖xb5+-

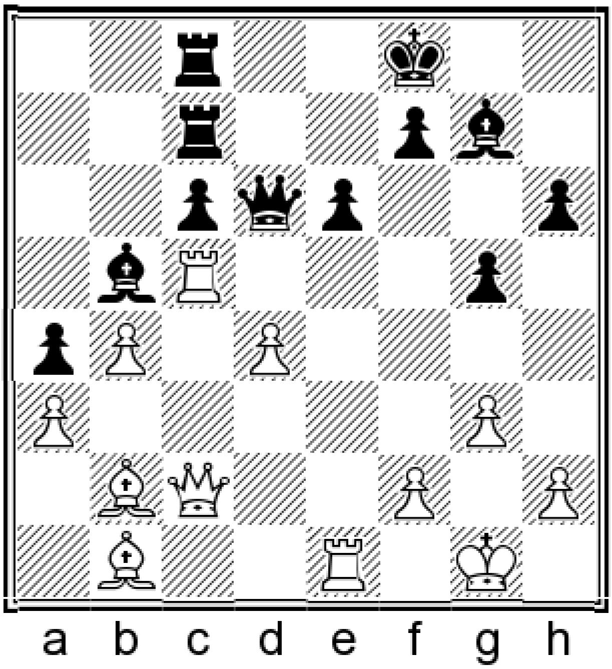
26.♕f4 ♕d7 27.♗f3 g5

27...♖e8 28.h4 h5 29.g4!

28.♕e3 ♖c7 29.♕c3

29.h4! gxh4 30.♕f4! ♖cc8 31.♕xh4±

29...♖dc8 30.♗e4 ♕d6 31.♗b1 ♔f8 32.♕c2 ♔e7 33.♖e1 ♔f8



34.d5! e5

34...exd5 35.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 36.♕h7+ ♔f8 37.♕h8#34...♗xb2 35.♕xb2 exd5 36.♕h8#

35.♖c1 ♗f6 36.♕f5+- ♗g7 37.dxc6 ♗xc6

37...♖xc6 38.♕xc8+ ♖xc8 39.♖xc8+ ♔e7 40.♗f5+-

38.♕c2

38.♕d3! - 40.♕d3

38...♕e6 39.♕f5

39.♕e2 ♔g8 40.♗e4 (40.b5 ♗f3 41.♖xc7 ♗xe2 42.♖xc8+ ♗f8 43.♖d8±) 40...♗f8 41.♖5c2 ♗xe4 42.♖xc7 ♖xc7 43.♖xc7+-

39...♕d6 40.♗a2?

40.♕d3! ♔e7 (40...♕e6 41.b5+-) 41.♕c4 ♖d7 42.♕f1 (42.♗f5 ♕d1+ 43.♕f1 ♕f3 44.♖xc6 ♖xc6 45.♗xd7 ♖xc1 46.♗xc1 ♔xd7 47.♗e3±) 42...♖dd8 43.♗f5 ♗d7 44.♖xc8+-

40...♗e8 41.♕xc8 ♖xc8 42.♖xc8 ♕d2?

42...e4 43.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 44.♖xe8 ♕d2 45.♖ec8 ♕xa2 46.♖1c3 f5±

43.♖1c7! ♕xb2 44.♖xf7+ ♔g8 45.♖xe8+ ♔h7 46.♗d5 1-0

163. !N [D85]
Tari, Aryan (2556) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2785)
Gibraltar 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

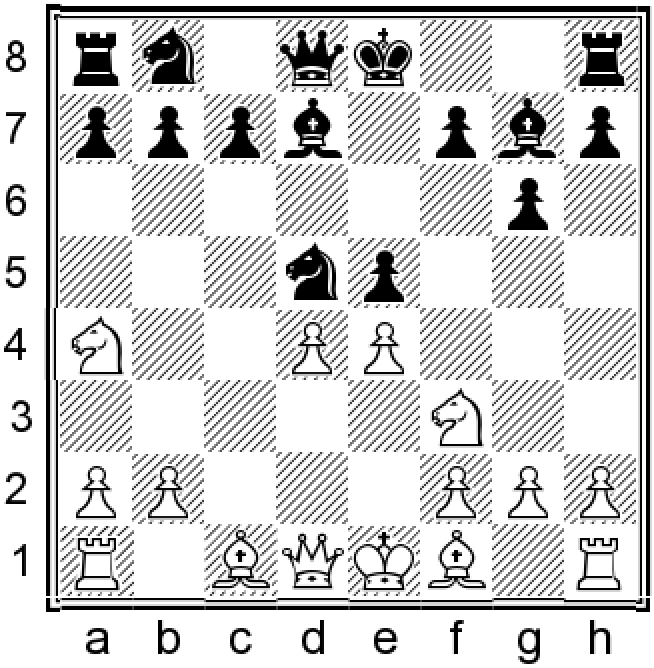
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♘a4 ♗f5 7.♘h4 ♗d7

7...♗c8 - 95/338

8.e4

8.♘c5 e5! 9.♘f3 (9.dxe5?! ♕xh4 10.♕xd5 ♗c6 11.♕b3 O-O∓) 9...♕e7 10.♘xd7 ♘xd7 11.dxe5 c6! (11...♘xe5? 12.♕xd5 ♖d8 13.♕e4+-) 12.g3 ♘xe5 13.♗g2 O-O-O 14.♕b3 ♘d7∓

8...e5! 9.♘f3



9...♕e7!N

9...exd4 10.exd5 O-O 11.♗e2 d3! 12.♕xd3 (12.♗xd3 ♕e8+ 13.♗e3 ♗xa4 14.♕d2 ♕d7 15.♗e2 ♗b5 16.♖d1=) 12...♗xa4 13.O-O ♘d7∞ (13...c6)

10.♘xe5

10.exd5 exd4+ 11.♗e2 O-O 12.♘xd4 ♕b4+ 13.♘c3 ♗xd4 14.O-O ♘a6 (14...♗e5) 15.a3 ♕b6 16.♗f4 ♗g7⇄

10...♕b4+

10...♗xe5 11.dxe5 (11.exd5 ♗xd4+ 12.♗e2 ♗b5 13.♘c3 ♗xc3+ 14.bxc3 ♕xe2+ 15.♕xe2+ ♗xe2 16.♔xe2 ♘d7=) 11...♕b4+ 12.♘c3 ♘xc3 13.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 14.♗d2 ♕xe5 15.♗d3 O-O 16.O-O≅

11.♘c3 ♘xc3 12.♕d2 ♘xa2 13.♖xa2 ♕xd2+ 14.♗xd2 ♗e6 15.♖a1 O-O 16.♗c3 ♖e8 17.♗b5

17.♗e2 c5! 18.dxc5 ♘d7 19.♘xd7 ♗xc3+ 20.bxc3 ♗xd7 21.f3 ♖e5=

17...c6 18.♗d3 ♖d8

18...c5!? 19.dxc5 ♖c8 20.f4 ♖xc5 21.♔e2 ♘c6 22.♘xc6 ♗xc3 23.♘e7+ ♔f8 24.♘xg6+ hxg6 25.bxc3 ♖xc3∞

19.♔e2 ♘d7 20.♘xd7

20.f4 ♘xe5 21.dxe5 ♗f8∞

20...♖xd7 21.e5 ♗d5 22.♖hg1 f6 23.f4 c5 24.dxc5

24.exf6 ♗xf6 (24...♖e8+!?) 25.dxc5 ♗xc3 26.bxc3 ♗c6 27.♖gd1 ♔g7 (27...♗xg2? 28.♗c4++-) 28.g3 ♖d5=

24...fxe5 25.fxe5

25.f5 e4 26.♗b5 ♖c7 27.♖gd1 ♗xc3 28.♖xd5 ♗xb2 29.♖a4 gxf5 30.♗d7= (30.♖xf5=)

25...♗xe5 26.♗b5?

26.♗xe5 ♖e8 27.♔f2 ♖xe5 28.♖gd1 a6 29.b4=

26...♖e7 27.♗xe5 ♖xe5+∓ 28.♔d3 ♖d8 29.♔c3 ♖e3+ 30.♔d2?

30.♔c2 ♗e4+ 31.♔c1 a6 32.♗c4+ ♔g7∓

30...♖b3 31.♗a4 ♖b4

31...♗e4+ 32.♔e2 (32.♔c1 ♖b4 33.b3 ♖d5-+) 32...♖xb2+ 33.♔e3 ♗xg2-+

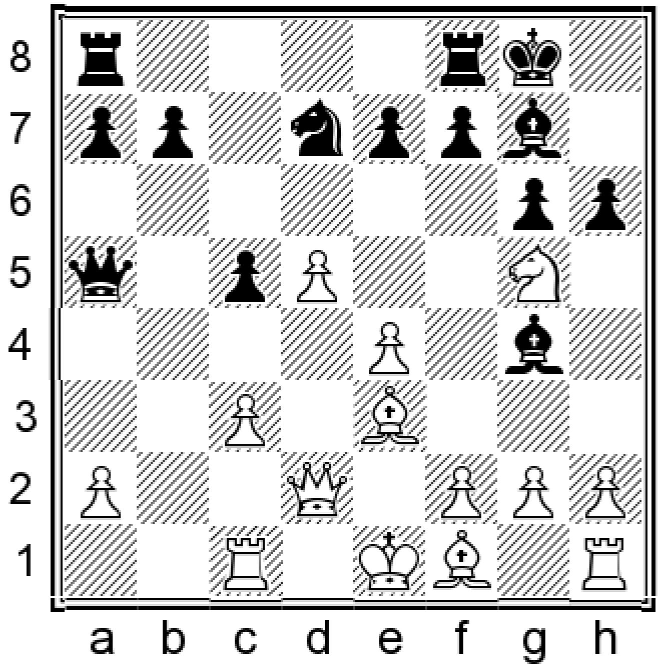
32.b3 a5-+ 33.♔c3 ♖c8 34.♔b2 ♖xc5 35.♖gc1 ♖xc1 36.♖xc1 b5 37.♖c5 ♗c4 0-1

164.* [D85]
Ragger, Markus (2682) - Socko, Bartosz (2577)
Graz 2016 [Pikula, Dejan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗e3 ♕a5 9.♕d2 O-O 10.♖c1 ♗g4 11.d5 ♘d7 12.♘g5

12.c4 - 121/(160)

12...h6N



12...♘b612...♘f6

13.h3! ♗h5 14.g4 hxg5 15.♗xg5

15.gxh5 ♘f6 16.♗g2 ♘xh5 17.♗xg5 ♕c7 18.O-O±

15...♕a4 16.c4± ♕a3

16...♘f6 17.♗g2 (17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.gxh5 ♕b4 19.♖g1±) 17...♕d7 (17...♗xg4 18.hxg4 ♘xg4 19.♗xe7 ♖fe8 20.♗g5±) 18.gxh5 ♘xh5 19.♗f3 ♘f6 20.♔f1±

17.♗e2 ♘e5

17...♘f6 18.♕c2 e6 19.d6 ♗xg4 20.hxg4 e5 21.♖d1±

18.♖c3 ♕b4 19.♖b3

19.gxh5 ♕b1+ 20.♕d1 ♕xe4 21.O-O±

19...♕a4 20.♕c1

20.gxh5 ♘xc4 21.♗xc4 ♕xc4 22.♕e2 ♕d4 23.O-O ♕e5 24.f4 ♕c7 25.♖g3±

20...f5?!

20...b5 21.gxh5 (21.♖xb5 ♖ab8∞) 21...bxc4 22.♕a3! ♕xa3 23.♖xa3 ♖fb8 24.♔f1±

21.exf5 ♖xf5 22.♖a3?!

22.♗d2! e6 23.f4 exd5 24.fxe5 ♖xe5 25.gxh5 ♖ae8 26.♖h2±

22...♕d7?

22...♕b4+! 23.♗d2 ♗h6! 24.♖b3 ♗xd2+ 25.♕xd2 ♕xd2+ 26.♔xd2 ♗xg4 27.hxg4 ♖xf2 28.♔e3 ♖f7 (28...♖af8 29.♖xb7 ♘xc4+ 30.♗xc4 ♖8f3+ 31.♔e4 ♖f4+ 32.♔e5 ♖xc4 33.♖xe7 ♖xg4 34.♖b1±) 29.♖xb7 (29.♔e4 ♖f2 30.♖e1 ♘f7 31.♔e3 ♖h2 32.♖xb7 ♖e8 33.♖xa7 e6 34.♔f3 exd5 35.cxd5 ♘g5+ 36.♔f4 ♘f7=) 29...e6! 30.♖xf7 (30.♖hb1 exd5 31.cxd5 ♖e8∞) 30...♘xf7 31.dxe6 ♖e8=

23.f4± ♗xg4

23...♘f7 24.gxf5 ♕xf5 25.♗d3 ♕d7 26.♕e3±

24.hxg4

24.♗xg4 ♘xg4 (24...♘f7 25.O-O+-) 25.hxg4 ♖f7 26.♕c2 ♕xg4 27.♕xg6±

24...♖xg5 25.fxg5 e6 26.dxe6 ♕xe6 27.♕e3 ♖d8 28.♕h3 ♖d7 29.♖e3 ♖f7 30.♖f1 ♖e7 31.♕g2 ♖d7 32.♕e4 ♖e7 33.♕d5 ♕xd5 34.cxd5 ♖d7 35.d6!+- ♖d8

35...♖xd6 36.♗c4+ ♘xc4 37.♖e8+ ♔h7 38.♖h1++-

36.d7! ♖xd7 37.♗c4+! ♘xc4 38.♖e8+ ♗f8 39.♖fxf8+ ♔g7 40.♖g8+ ♔f7 41.♖ef8+ ♔e6 42.♖xg6+ ♔e5 43.♖f5+ ♔d4 44.♖e6 ♘d6 45.♖e2 ♘c4

45...♘xf5 46.♖d2++-

46.g6 ♖g7 47.♖e6 ♖g8 48.♖g5 ♖g7 49.♖f6 ♖e7+ 50.♔f2 ♘d2 51.♖f4+ ♘e4+ 52.♔f3 ♔d3 53.♖d5+ 1-0

165. [D85]
Ragger, Markus (2688) - Volokitin, Andrei (2640)
Österreich 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗e3 ♕a5

8...♗g4 9.♖c1 ♕a5 10.♕d2 O-O 11.h4N (11.d5 - 127/164) 11...♘c6 (11...♘d7 12.d5 (12.♘h2 ♘f6 13.♗d3 ♗d7⇄) 12...f5 13.exf5 ♗xf5∞) 12.d5 ♖ad8 (12...♗xf3 13.gxf3 ♘e5 14.♗e2 c4 15.h5↑) 13.h5! ♗xf3 (13...♗xh5 14.♗h6±) 14.gxf3 ♘e5 15.♗e2 f5 16.f4 ♘f7 (16...♘g4 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.e5±) 17.e5 e6 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.d6± Ashwin, J (2472) - Gledura, B (2515) Saint Louis (m/2) 127/(164) 2016

9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.♖b1 a6 11.♖c1 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♕xd2+ 13.♔xd2 e6 14.h4

14.d5 - 123/157

14...h6N

14...O-O

15.d5 exd5 16.exd5 ♘e7

16...♘e5 17.♘xe5 ♗xe5 18.♖e1 (18.g3⩲) 18...♔d7 19.g3 (19.♗xh6?! ♗d6 20.♗g7 ♗b4+ 21.♗c3 ♗xc3+ 22.♔xc3 ♔d6 23.♗d3 ♗d7 24.g3 ♖ac8+⯹) 19...b5 (19...♗d6 20.♔d3 ♔c7 21.♖c1+ ♔d8 22.♗b6+ ♔e7 23.♖e1+ ♔f8 24.♗h3⩲) 20.♗xh6 (20.♗g2⩲) 20...♖xh6 21.♖xe5 ♔d6 22.♖e4 ♖h5 23.♖d4 ♗d7 24.♗e2 ♖e5 25.g4⩲

17.♗c4 ♗g4

17...♘f5?! 18.♗c5±⌓17...♗f5 18.♘d4 O-O 19.♘xf5 ♘xf5 20.♗b6⩲

18.♖he1 ♗xf3

18...O-O 19.♗c5 ♗xf3 - 18...Bf3

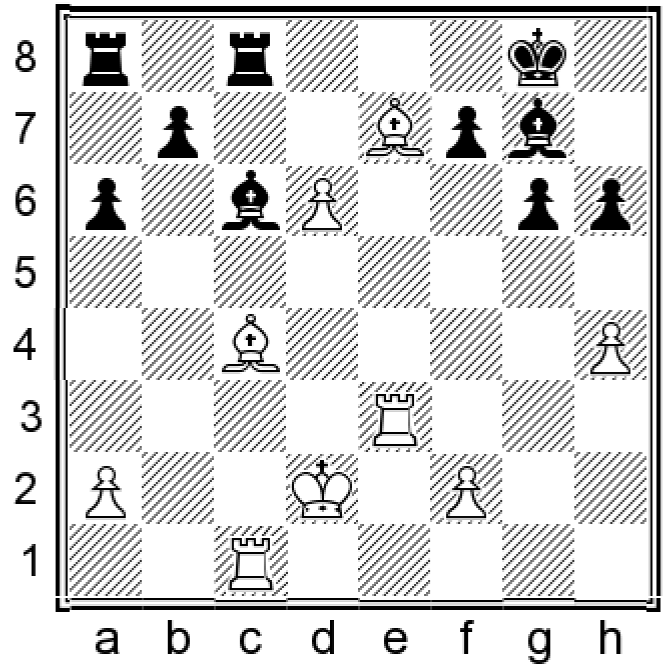
19.♗c5 O-O 20.♗xe7

20.gxf3 ♘f5 21.♗xf8 ♗xf8 22.♖e4 h5⯹

20...♗xg2 21.♖e3

21.♗xf8 ♔xf8=∞21.d6 h5 22.f4 ♗c6 23.♖g1 ♔h7 24.♖cf1=∞

21...♖fc8 22.d6 ♗c6



22...♗b2 23.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.d7 ♖c4 26.d8=Q ♖d4+ 27.♖d3 ♖xd8 28.♗xd8±

23.♖g1! ♗d7

23...♗a4 24.♖g4! ♗e8 25.♗b3 ♔h7 26.♖f4±

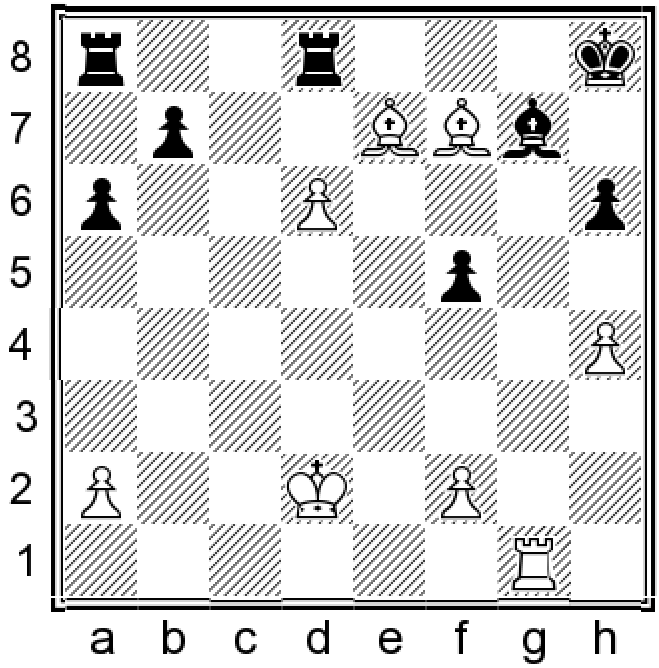
24.♗b3 ♗f5 25.♖f3!± ♔h8

25...♖c5 26.♖xf5 (26.h5!? ♔h8 27.d7±) 26...♖xf5 27.d7 ♖xf2+ 28.♔e3 ♗f8 29.♗xf8 ♔xf8 30.♔xf2±

26.♖xf5!

26.♗xf7!? ♖c2+ 27.♔d1 ♖b2 (27...♖c3 28.♖xc3 ♗xc3 29.♗xg6 ♖g8 30.h5+-) 28.♗xg6 ♖b1+ 29.♔d2 ♖xg1 30.♗xf5 ♗f8 31.♗e6+-

26...gxf5 27.♗xf7 ♖d8



27...b5 28.♗e6 ♖e8 29.♖e1±

28.♔e3! ♗e5 29.f4! ♗g7 30.♖c1 ♗f8 31.♗f6+ ♗g7

31...♔h7 32.♖g1+-

32.♗e5+- ♖ac8 33.♖g1

33.♖xc8 ♖xc8 34.♔d4 ♔h7 35.♔d5+-

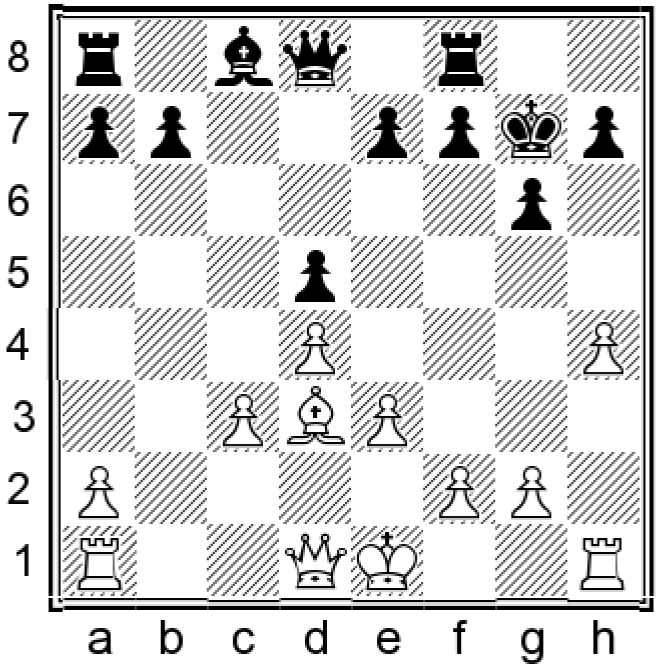
33...♗xe5 34.fxe5 ♖c3+ 35.♔f4 ♖c5 36.♖g6 ♔h7 37.♔xf5 ♖f8 38.♔e6 ♖xe5+ 39.♔xe5 ♖xf7 40.h5 b5 41.♔e6 1-0

166. [D90]
Pert, Nicholas (2572) - Howell, David (2688)
Great Britain (ch-m/5) 2015 [Pert, Nicholas]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♘c3 d5 5.h4 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.♗f4 ♘c6 8.e3 O-O 9.♘e5

9.♕b3 - 118/(155)

9...♘xe5 10.♗xe5 ♘e4 11.♗xg7 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♔xg7 13.♗d3



13...h5N

13...♕a5

14.♕b3 ♕d6 15.O-O ♖b8 16.♖fc1 ♗d7 17.♕b4 ♕xb4

17...♕f6 18.♕a5 (18.c4 dxc4 19.♖xc4 ♗c6 20.♖ac1∞) 18...♗e6 19.c4 b6 20.♕xa7 ♕xh4∞

18.cxb4 ♖fc8 19.♖c5 ♖xc5 20.bxc5 b5 21.a3 ♗c6 22.♔f1 f5 23.♔e2 ♔f6 24.♔d2

24.f4 ♔e6 25.♔d2 a5 26.♔c3 ♔f6∞

24...a5 25.♔c3 e5 26.f4

26.dxe5+ ♔xe5 27.f4+ ♔e6 28.♖b1 ♖b7 29.♔d4 ♖b8 30.♗c2 ♖b7 31.♗b3 b4!=

26...e4 27.♗e2 1/2-1/2

167. [D90]
Williams, Simon Kim (2439) - Anderson, John (2247)
Hastings 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.c4 g6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.h4 c6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7

6...O-O - 120/167

7.cxd5 ♘xd5N

⌓7...cxd5

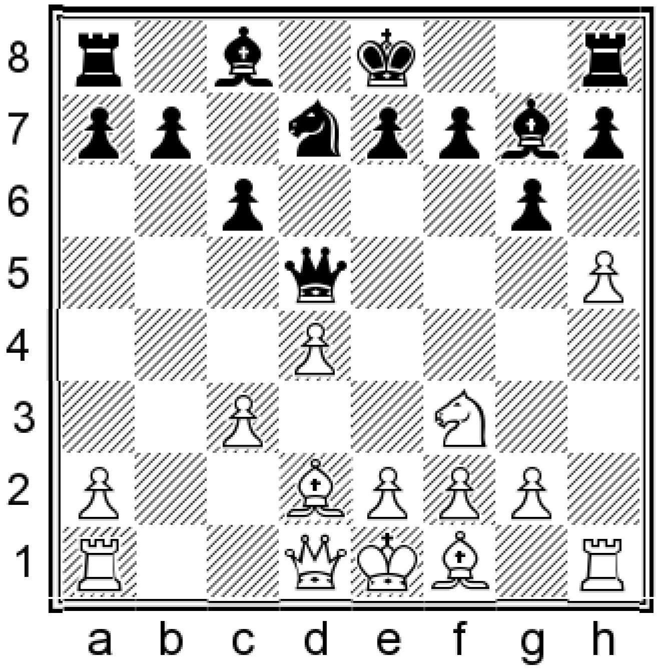
8.h5 ♘xc3

8...h6 9.♗d2 g5 10.e4 ♘c7 (10...♘xc3 11.♗xc3±) 11.♗e3±

9.bxc3 ♕a5?!

9...h6 10.♗d2 (10.♗c1!?) 10...g5 11.e4 e5 12.♗e3±

10.♗d2 ♕d5



11.♖h4! e5

11...♘f6?! 12.h6 ♗f8 13.e4! ♕d8 (13...♘xe4? 14.c4 ♕e6 15.d5! cxd5 16.cxd5 ♕xd5 17.♕a4++-) 14.e5 ♘d5 15.♗d3±

12.e4 ♕d6 13.♕b3!

13.♗e3 O-O 14.♗e2 ♗f6 15.♖h1±

13...a5 14.a4 ♗f6 15.♖h1?!

15.hxg6! fxg6 (15...♗xh4? 16.♕xf7+ ♔d8 17.g7+-) (15...hxg6 16.♖xh8+ ♗xh8 17.♗c4 ♕e7 18.♘g5±) 16.♖h1 ♕e7 17.O-O-O±

15...♕e7

15...exd4 16.cxd4 ♗xd4 17.♘xd4 ♕xd4 18.♖d1 g5 (18...♘c5 19.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 20.♗xe3 ♘xa4 (20...♘xe4 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.♗d4 ♖f8 23.♖xh7±) 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.♗d4±) (18...♕xe4+ 19.♗e2 O-O 20.f3 ♕e7 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.♗c3±) 19.f3 ♘c5 20.♕a3 ♕e5 21.♗e3±

16.♗c4 O-O?!

16...exd4?! 17.cxd4 ♕xe4+ 18.♔f1+-16...g5 17.♗c1! exd4 18.♗a3 c5 (18...♘c5 19.♗xc5 ♕xc5 20.♗xf7+ ♔e7 (20...♔d8 21.cxd4±) 21.e5! ♕xc3+ 22.♕xc3 dxc3 23.♗b3 ♖e8 (23...♗g7 24.h6 ♗f8 25.♘xg5±) 24.exf6+ ♔xf6+ 25.♔d1 b5 26.♖e1±) 19.cxd4 g4 (19...♕xe4+ 20.♔f1±) 20.♘e5 ♗xe5 (20...♘xe5? 21.♗xc5+-) 21.dxe5 ♘xe5 22.♖c1±

17.hxg6 hxg6 18.♖h6!± ♔g7

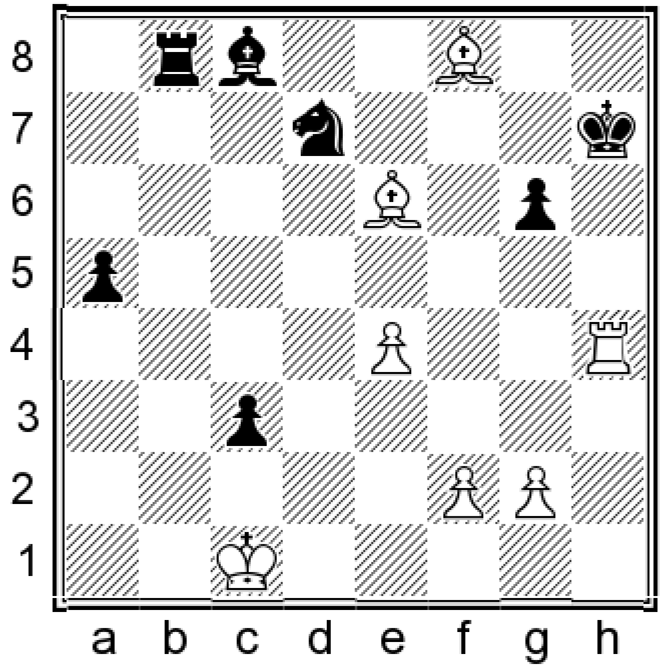
18...exd4 19.♖xg6+ ♗g7 20.♔f1 ♕xe4 21.♖g5±

19.O-O-O b5 20.axb5 cxb5 21.♗d5 ♖b8 22.♖dh1 b4 23.♘g5!?

23.♕d1! bxc3 (23...♖g8 24.♖h7+ ♔f8 25.♖xf7++-) 24.♖xg6+! ♔xg6 (24...fxg6 25.♗h6+ ♔h7 26.♗g5+ ♔g7 27.♖h7+ ♔xh7 28.♕h1+ ♔g7 29.♕h6#) 25.♘h4+ ♗xh4 26.♕g4++-

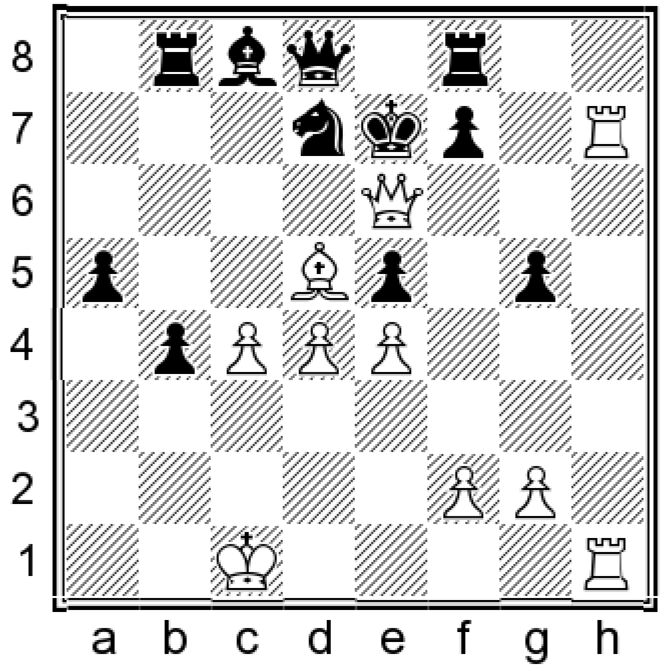
23...♗xg5?!

23...bxc3 24.♕xc3 exd4 25.♘e6+! fxe6 (25...♕xe6 26.♖xg6+! fxg6 (26...♔xg6 27.♕g3++-) 27.♗h6+ ♔h7 28.♗xe6 dxc3 29.♗xf8+ ♗h4 30.♖xh4#



) 26.♖h7+ ♔g8 27.♖xe7 dxc3 28.♗xe6+ ♖f7 29.♖xf7 cxd2+ 30.♔xd2 ♘c5 31.♖b7+ ♗xe6 32.♖xb8+ ♔g7 33.♔e3+-

24.♖h7+ ♔f6 25.♗xg5+ ♔xg5 26.c4+- ♕d8 27.♕g3+ ♔f6 28.♕h4+ g5 29.♕h6+ ♔e7 30.♕e6#



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168. [D97]
Svidler, Peter (2727) - Wei, Yi (2734)
Baku (m/3-rapid) 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 ♗e6 8.♕d3 c5 9.d5 ♗g4

9...♗c8 - 115/164

10.♘g5N

10.♗e210.♗e3

10...h6 11.h3 ♗c8 12.♘f3 e6 13.dxe6

13.d6 ♘c6 14.♗f4 b6 15.♗e2 ♗b7∞

13...♗xe6 14.♗e3 ♕e7

14...♕b6 15.♕b5 ♘bd7 16.♕xb6 axb6 17.♗b5 ♖fd8∞⌓14...♕c7 15.♗e2 (15.♖d1 ♘c6 16.♕d6 (16.♗xc5 ♖fd8 17.♗d6 ♕b6 18.♕b5 ♗xa2! 19.♕xb6 (19.♘xa2? ♘xe4-+) 19...axb6∓) 16...♕b6! (16...♕xd6 - 14...Qe7) 17.♖d2 ♖fe8 18.♗d3 ♗f8 (18...♘d7⇄) 19.♕f4 ♘h5 20.♕h2 ♖ad8∓) 15...♖d8 16.♕b5 ♘bd7∞

15.♖d1 ♘c6 16.♕d6 ♕xd6 17.♖xd6 c4

17...♖fc8!? 18.♖d2 (18.♗xc5? ♗f8 19.♖xe6 fxe6 20.♗e3 ♘d7∓) 18...b6 19.♗a6 ♖c7 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.exd5 ♗xd5 22.♖xd5 ♘b4 23.♗c4 ♘xd5 24.♗xd5 ♖d8 25.♗c4 ♗xb2⯹17...♖fd8 18.♗xc5 ♘d7 (18...♖xd6 19.♗xd6 ♖d8 20.♗c7 ♖c8⯹ 21.♗d6) 19.♗e3 ♘b6⯹

18.♖xe6!?

18.♘d4 ♘xd4 19.♖xd4 ♖fd8=

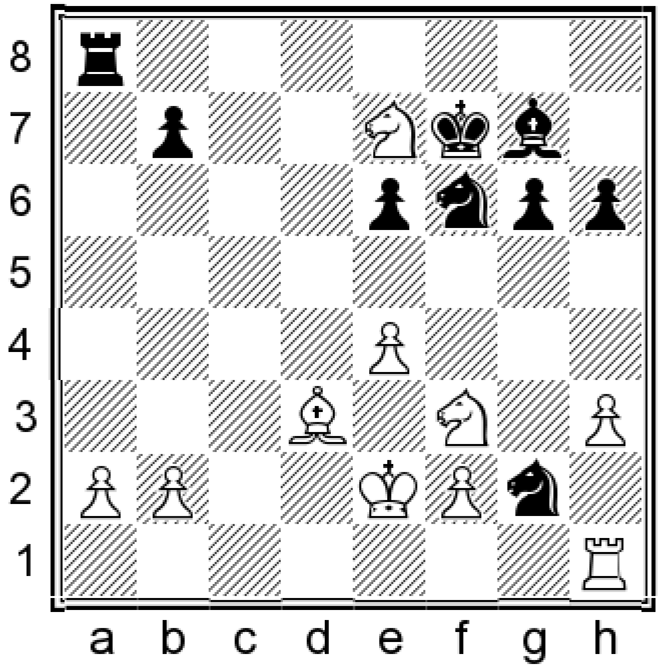
18...fxe6 19.♗xc4 ♖fe8

19...♔f7! 20.♘b5 ♘e8 21.♔e2 a6 22.♘bd4 ♘xd4+ 23.♘xd4⯹ ♗xd4 24.♗xd4 ♘d6 25.♗d3 ♖ac8 26.h4⯹

20.♘b5 ♘a5 21.♗d3 ♖ec8 22.♔e2 ♘c4

⌓22...♘c6 23.♖d1 e5 24.♗c4+ ♔h7 25.♘d6 ♖c7 26.♘b5 ♖cc8=

23.♘xa7 ♘xe3 24.♘xc8 ♘xg2 25.♘e7+ ♔f7



26.♘xg6! ♔xg6 27.♖g1 ♖xa2?!

27...♘d7 28.♖xg2+ ♔f7 29.♗c4 ♗xb2 30.♖g1±

28.♖xg2+ ♔f7 29.♘e5+ ♔f8 30.♘g6+ ♔f7 31.♘f4 ♖xb2+

31...b5 32.♔e3 (32.♔f3 ♘d7 33.♗xb5 ♘e5+ 34.♔e3 ♗f6=∞) (32.♘xe6 ♘h5! 33.♘d8+ ♔e8 34.♔e3 ♔xd8 35.♗e2 ♗xb2 36.♗xh5 ♖a3+ 37.♔e2 ♗e5=) 32...♘e8 33.b3 ♖b2 34.♗xb5 ♖xb3+ 35.♗d3±

32.♔e3 ♗f8 33.♗c4 ♖b6 34.♘xe6

34.♘d3 ♖b1 35.f4 ♔e7 36.♘e5±

34...♖xe6 35.e5

35.f4 ♔e7 36.♗xe6 ♔xe6 37.♔d4 ♘d7 38.♖c2±

35...♘d7 36.f4 b5! 37.♗xe6+ ♔xe6 38.♖d2 b4 39.f5+ ♔xf5 40.♖xd7 ♔xe5 [R 2/i] **41.♔d3 ♔f6 42.♖d5 ♔e6 43.♖b5 ♔f6 44.♔e4 ♗e7 45.♔f4 ♗d6+ 46.♔e4 ♗e7 47.♔f4 ♗d6+ 48.♔g4 ♔e6 49.♔h5 ♔d7= 50.♔xh6 ♔c6 51.♖f5 b3 52.♖f1 ♔c5 53.h4 b2 54.♖b1 ♗e5 55.♔g6 ♔c4 56.♖xb2 1/2-1/2**

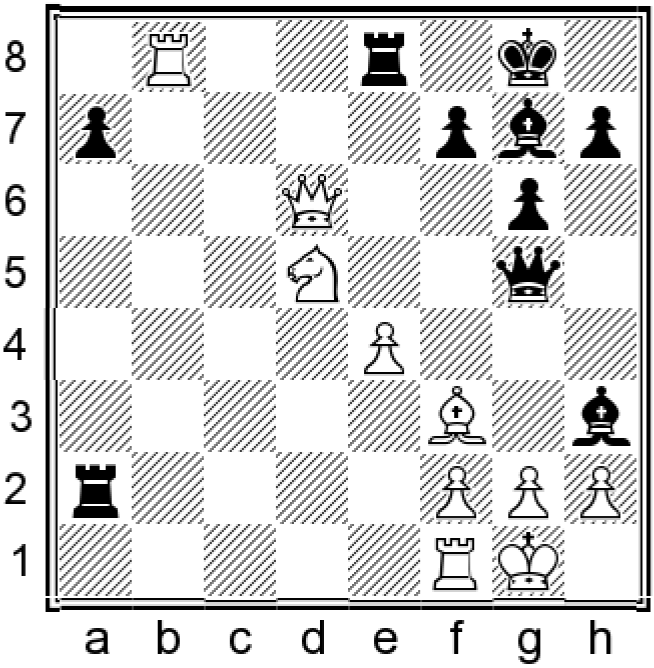
169.** [D97]
Ding, Liren (2766) - Wei, Yi (2706)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Pikula, Dejan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♗e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘xd4 exd4 11.♕xd4 c6 12.♕c4

12.d6 - 121/166

12...b5 13.♕xc6 ♗d7 14.♕d6 ♖e8 15.f3

15.♗g5 b4 16.♕xb4 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 ♕xg5 18.O-O ♖ab8 19.♕d6 ♗h3 20.♗f3N (20.♘f4) (20.♕g3) 20...♖xb2 21.♖ab1 ♖xa2 22.♖b8



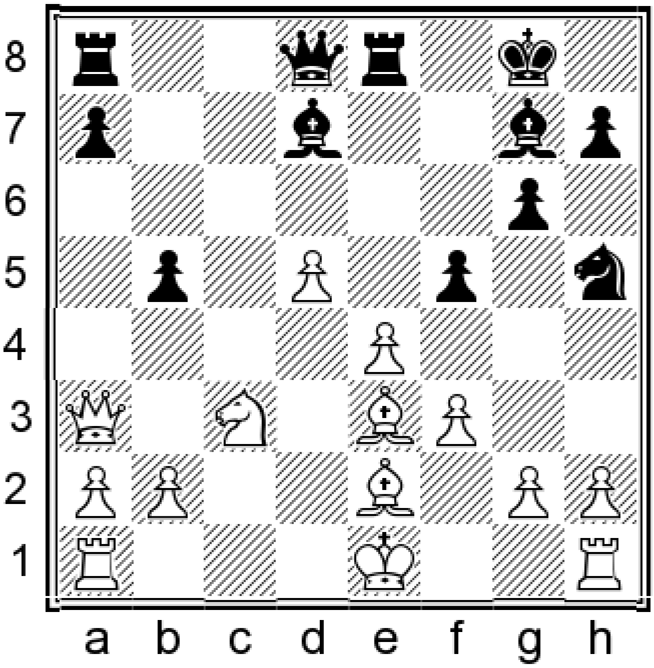
22...♗d7! 23.♖b7 ♗e6 24.♘c7 (24.♘e7+ ♔h8 25.♖b8 ♗d7! 26.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 27.♕d8 ♕b5=) 24...♕e7 25.e5 ♕xd6 26.exd6 ♖d8 27.♘xe6 fxe6 28.♖d1 ♖a6 29.g3 (29.d7 ♔f7 30.g3 ♔e7 31.h4 ♖d6=) 29...♖axd6 30.♖xd6 ♖xd6 31.♖xa7

♗d4= Xiong, J (2550) -Popilski, G (2552) Dallas 127/(169) 2015

15...♘h5 16.♗e3 f5

16...♗e5

17.♕a3N



17.g3 - 127/(169) 17...♗e5 18.♕c5 f4 (18...♖c8 19.♕xa7 b4 20.♘b5 fxe4 (20...f4? 21.♗b6±) 21.f4 (21.fxe4 ♗xb2 22.♖b1 ♗xb5 23.♖xb2 (23.♗xb5? ♗c3+ 24.♔f2 ♖xe4∓) 23...♗xe2 24.♖xe2 ♕f6 25.♖f1 ♕a1+ 26.♔f2 ♖f8+ 27.♗f4 ♕e5 28.♔g1 ♘xf4 29.♖xf4 ♖xf4 30.gxf4 ♕xf4 31.♖e1 ♕g4+ (31...♖c2 32.♕a8+ ♔g7 33.♕a7+=) 32.♔h1 ♕f3+=) 21...♗xb2 22.O-O ♗xa1 23.♖xa1=∞) 19.♗d4 (19.gxf4 ♘xf4=∞) 19...♖c8 20.♕xa7 fxg3 21.hxg3 ♘xg3 (21...b4!? 22.♗xe5 ♖xe5 23.♕d4 ♕g5 24.♖g1 bxc3 25.bxc3 ♘xg3 26.♕f2 ♖xc3 27.♕xg3 ♕f6=∞) 22.♗xe5 ♖xe5 23.♕d4 (23.♖g1 b4! 24.♖xg3 bxc3 25.bxc3 ♖h5 26.♖b1 ♖h2 27.♖g1 ♖a8 28.♕b6 ♕h4+= 29.♔d1 ♕f4 30.♔e1 ♕h4+=) 23...♘xh1 24.♕xe5 b4 25.♕h2 bxc3 26.bxc3 ♖xc3 27.♕xh1 ♖c2=∞ Demuth, A (2541) -Kobo, O (2412) Sants 127/(169) 2015

17...b4! 18.♕xb4 ♖b8 19.♕a3 fxe4 20.f4

20.O-O?! exf3 21.♖xf3 ♗g4! (21...♖xe3 22.♖xe3 ♗d4 23.♘d1 ♕h4 24.♘f2 ♘f4 25.♗a6 ♖xb2 26.♖f1 ♕g5 27.♖g3 ♕e5 28.♖f3 ♕g5=) 22.♖f2 ♖xe3 23.♗xg4 ♗d4 24.♖af1 ♕h4 25.h3 (25.♗e2 ♖e5-+) 25...♕g3! (25...♖e1! 26.♘d1 ♖xf1+ 27.♔xf1 ♘g3+ 28.♔e1 ♘e4∓) 26.♗xh5 (26.♖f8+ ♔g7-+) 26...♖xc3 27.bxc3 ♗xf2+ 28.♔h1 gxh5-+

20...♕h4+

20...♗g4

21.g3 ♘xg3 22.♗f2 ♕h3!= 23.♗xg3 ♖ec8! 24.♗f1

24.♖g1 ♗d4 25.O-O-O ♗c5 26.♕a5 ♕f5 27.♖g2 ♗b4 28.♕xa7 (28.♕a6? ♖b6 29.♕xa7 ♗xc3 30.bxc3 ♕f6-+) 28...♗c5 29.♕a5 ♗b4=24.♖f1 ♖xb2! 25.♖c1 ♗xc3+ 26.♖xc3 ♖xe2+! 27.♔xe2 ♗b5+ 28.♔e3 ♗xf1=

24...♕g4

24...♕h5 25.♗e2 ♕h3=

25.♗e2 ♕h3 26.♗f1 ♕g4 27.♗e2 1/2-1/2

170.* [D97]
Navara, David (2730) - Giri, Anish (2798)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 a6

7...♘a6 8.♗e2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.O-O exd5 11.exd5 ♗f5 12.♗g5 h6 13.♗e3 ♕b6N (13...♖e8 - 122/(170)) 14.b3 ♖fe8 15.♘d2?! (15.♖ad1 ♖ad8 16.h3 ♘e4 17.♘xe4 ♗xe4∞) 15...♘d7 16.♖ac1 (16.♖ad1 ♘b4↑) 16...♗d4 (16...♘b4 17.a3 (17.♘a4 ♕f6 18.♘xc5 ♘xa2∓) 17...♘d3! 18.♗xd3 ♘e5∓) 17.♖fd1 ♘b4 18.♘f3 ♖xe3 19.fxe3 ♗xe3+ 20.♔h1 ♗xc1 21.♖xc1 ♕d6∓ Ding, L (2766) -Van Wely, L (2640) Wijk aan Zee 127/(170) 2016

8.♗e2 b5 9.♕b3 c5 10.dxc5 ♗b7 11.e5 ♘fd7 12.♗e3 e6 13.O-O ♕c7 14.♖ad1 ♘xc5 15.♕a3 ♘e4

15...♘cd7 - 124/165

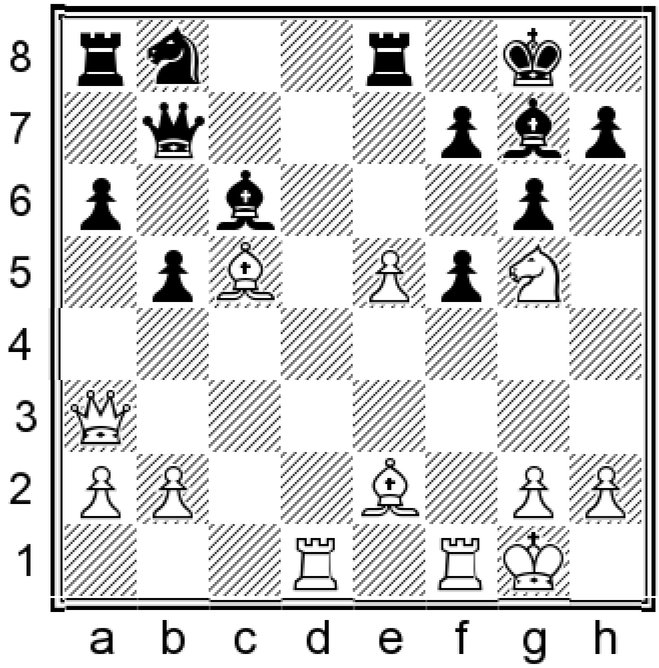
16.♘xe4 ♗xe4 17.♘g5 ♗c6 18.f4 ♕b7N

18...h6

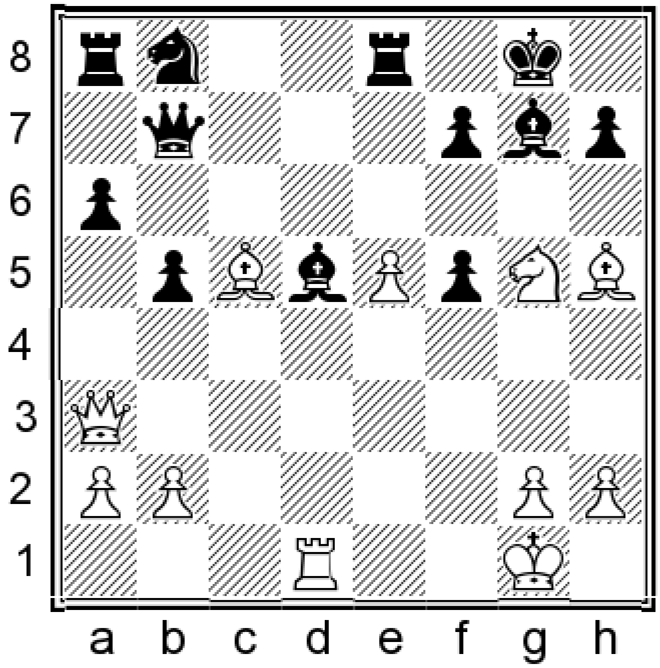
19.♗c5 ♖e8 20.f5!

20.♗f3 h6 21.♗xc6 ♕xc6 22.♘f3 ♘d7 23.♗f2 ♗f8∞

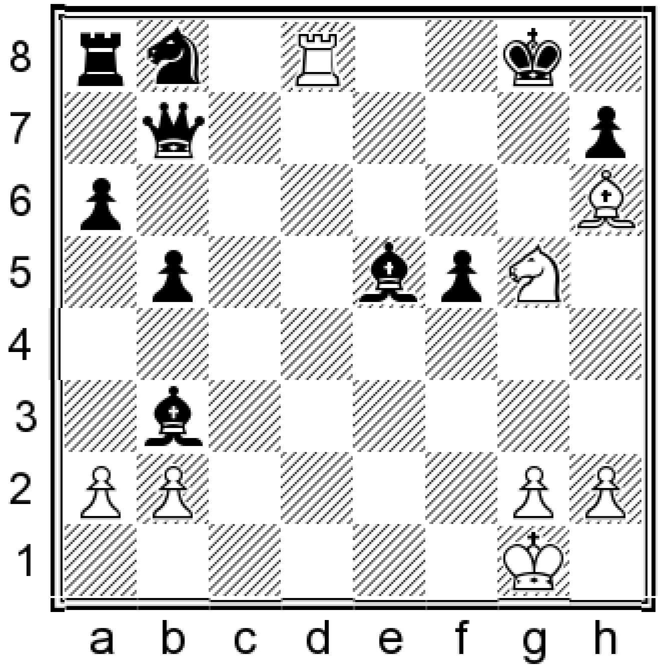
20...exf5



21.♖xf5! gxf5 22.♗h5 ♗d5



22...♖f8? 23.♕b3! ♗e8 (23...♗xe5 24.♘xf7! ♖xf7 25.♖d8+ ♔g7 26.♕e3+-) 24.e6 (24.♗xf8 ♗xe5 25.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 26.♖d8! ♕a7+ (26...♗xb3 27.♗h6#



) 27.♗c5+ ♔g7 28.♕e3+-) 24...♗f6 25.♕g3 ♘c6 26.♘xf7+ ♗g7 27.♘h6+ ♔h8 28.♗xe8 ♖axe8 29.♖d7+-

23.♖xd5! ♕xd5 24.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 25.♘xf7 ♔xf7 26.♕b3+ ♔g6 27.♕g3+ ♔f7 28.♕b3+ ♔g6 29.♕g3+ ♔f7 30.♕f3

30.♗d4! ♘c6 (30...♔f8 31.♕f3 ♘d7 32.♕xf5+ ♔g8 33.♕xd7 ♖ad8 34.♕g4±) 31.e6+ ♔xe6 32.♗xg7 ♖ad8 33.h3±

30...♘d7 31.♕d5+ ♔g6 32.♕c6+

32.♕xd7! ♗xe5 33.h4 h5 34.♕c6+ ♔g7 35.♕b7+ ♔g6 36.♕b6+ ♔g7 37.♗d4 ♗xd4+ 38.♕xd4+ ♔f7 39.♕f4 ♔f6 40.♕h6+±

32...♘f6?

32...♗f6 33.♗d4 (33.exf6?! ♘xc5 34.♕xc5 ♖e1+ 35.♔f2 ♖e6=) 33...♖ad8 34.exf6 ♘e5 35.♗xe5 (35.♕c7 ♖xd4 36.♕g7+ ♔h5 37.♕xh7+ ♔g5 38.♕g7+= ♘g6 39.f7 ♖d1+ 40.♔f2 ♖d2+=) 35...♖d1+ (35...♖xe5? 36.f7+ ♔xf7 37.♕c7++-) 36.♔f2 ♖xe5 37.f7+ ♔xf7 38.♕h6±

33.exf6 ♖ac8 34.♕xa6 ♖a8 35.f7+ ♔xf7 36.♕xb5 ♖ad8 37.♕b3+ ♔g6 38.♕g3+ ♔f7 39.♕b3+ ♔g6 40.♗d6?

40.h4!±

40...♗xb2!= 41.♕xb2 ♖xd6 42.h3 ♖a6 1/2-1/2

E00-E49

171.* [E04]**
Hoffmeyer, Falk - Geerken, Lutz
corr 2015 [Petronijevic, Zoran]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 a5 7.♕c2 ♗xd2+

7...b5!?

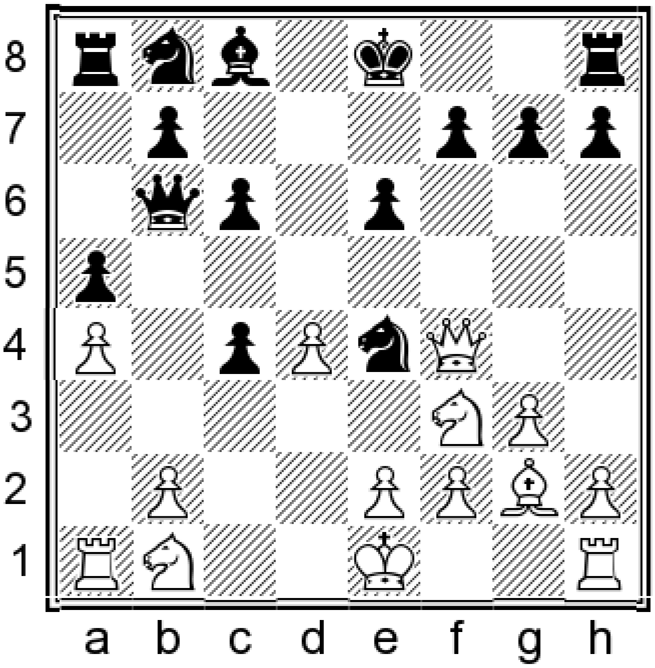
8.♕xd2 c6 9.a4 ♘e4!?

9...b5!? - 108/134

10.♕f4

10.♕c2 - 106/(157)10.♕c1!? ♘d6 11.O-O O-O 12.♖d1 ♘a6?!N (12...b5 13.♘bd2 ♖a7= (13...♗a6N 14.♕c2 ♖a7 15.b3 cxb3 16.♘xb3 bxa4 17.♘c5 ♗b5 18.♘e5 (18.♘xa4 ♘a6 19.e3♾) 18...♘a6 19.♘xa4 ♘b4 20.♕c5 ♖a6 21.♗f3♾ Unuk, L (2246) -Blagojevic, D (2488) Nova Gorica 127/(171) 2016)) 13.♘a3 ♘b4 14.♘e5± Vidit, S (2642) -Pogonina, N (2454) Gibraltar 127/(171) 2016

10...♕b6!?



10...♘d6 11.♘a3 O-O 12.♘e5 ♘a6 13.O-O ♘b4 14.♖fd1N (14.♘axc4) 14...♘d5 15.♕c1 ♘b6 16.♘axc4 ♘bxc4 17.♘xc4 ♘xc4 18.♕xc4± Donchenko, A (2570) -Pogonina, N (2454) Gibraltar 127/(171) 2016

11.O-ON

11.♘bd2 ♘xd2 12.♕xd2 ♘d7=

11...♕xb2 12.♘e5 O-O

12...f6? 13.♘xc4 ♕xa1 14.♕xe4 ♘a6 (14...O-O 15.♘b6+-) 15.♘b6 ♘c7 16.♘d2 ♕c3 17.♘dc4 O-O 18.♘xa8 ♘xa8 19.♘d6±

13.♘a3

13.♘xc4? ♕xa1 14.♗xe4 ♘d7 15.♘ba3 ♕c3∓

13...♘c3!

13...♘f6? 14.♖fb1 ♕c3 15.♘axc4 ♘bd7 16.♖a3 ♕c2 17.♖c1 ♕f5 18.♕d2 ♘e4 19.♕e3 ♘ef6 20.♘d6±

14.♕e3 ♘xe2+

14...♘d7!? 15.♘axc4 ♕c2! (15...♕b4? 16.♖fc1 ♘d5 17.♗xd5 cxd5 (17...exd5 18.♘d3 ♕b3 (18...♕xc4 19.♖xc4 dxc4 20.♘f4±) 19.♘d6±) 18.♖ab1 ♕e7 19.♘xd7 ♗xd7 20.♘b6 ♖a6 21.♖c7±) 16.♗f3 ♘d5∞

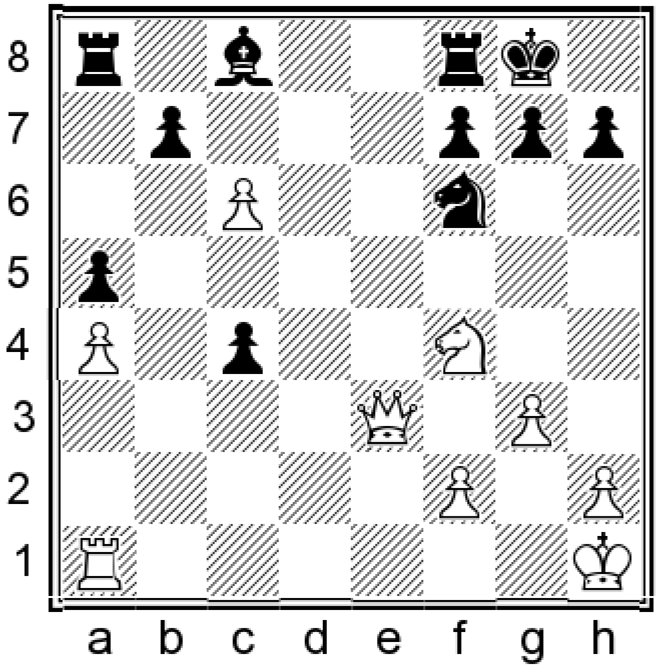
15.♔h1 ♘c3 16.♘axc4 ♕b4 17.♖fc1 ♘d5 18.♗xd5 exd5 19.♘d3

19.♖ab1? ♕e7 20.♘b6 ♖a7∓

19...♕xc4! 20.♖xc4 dxc4 21.♘f4 ♘d7

21...♘a6 22.♘h5 ♔h8 23.♕g5 ♖g8 24.♖e1 ♗e6 25.♘f4 ♘c7 26.♕c5±

22.d5! ♘f6 23.dxc6



23.d6?! ♖d8 (23...b5 24.♕c5 ♖d8 25.axb5 cxb5 26.♕xb5 ♖xd6=) 24.♕c5 ♗g4 25.♔g1 ♘e4 26.♕xc4 ♘xd6=

23...♖a6! 24.c7 ♖c6 25.♕e7 ♘e8 26.♘d5

26.♖d1 ♖xc7 27.♕e5 ♖d7 28.♖xd7 ♗xd7 29.♕xa5 ♘f6 30.♔g1 ♖c8 31.♘e2 b6 32.♕xb6 ♗xa4=

26...♗e6 27.♖d1

27.♖d1 ♗xd5+ (27...c3? 28.♕a3 ♗xd5+ 29.♖xd5 b6 30.♖d3 c2 31.♖c3 ♖xc7 32.♕b2 ♖xc3 33.♕xc3 ♘f6 34.♕xc2±) 28.♖xd5 ♘xc7 29.♖d6 ♖xd6 30.♕xd6 ♘e6 31.♕d5 ♖c8 (31...b6 32.♕xc4 ♖d8±) 32.♕xb7 ♖c5 33.♕b8+ ♘f8 34.♕b6 (34.♕a7 ♖c6 35.♕xa5 (35.♕b7 ♖c5 36.♕a7 ♘e6 37.♕a8+ ♘f8 38.♕d8 c3 39.♕b6=) 35...c3 36.♕d5 ♖c8 37.♕b7 ♖c5

38.♕b6 ♖c8 39.♕b7=) 34...♖c8 35.♕b7 ♖c5 36.♕b6 ♖c8 37.♕b7=1/2-1/2

172. [E05]
Howell, David (2688) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2648)
Doha 2015 [Ganguly, Surya Shekhar]

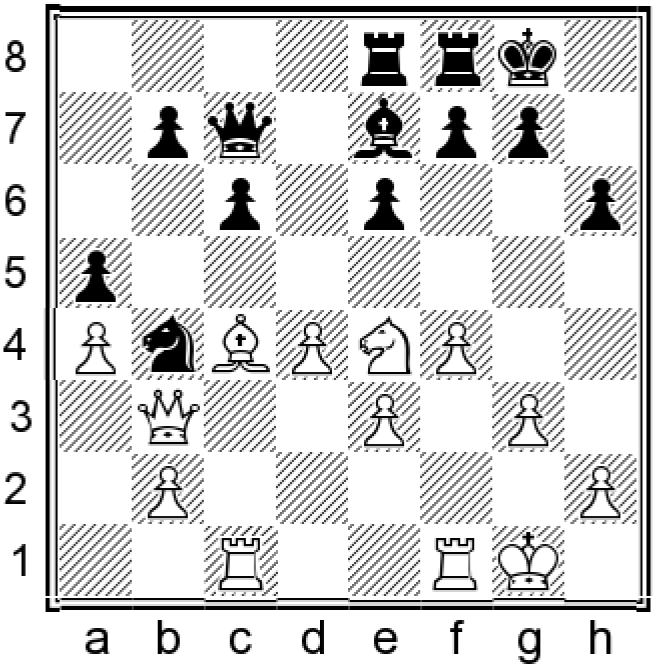
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 d5 3.♗g2 e6 4.O-O ♗e7 5.c4 O-O 6.d4 dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.a4 ♗d7 9.♕xc4 ♗c6 10.♗g5 ♗d5 11.♕c2 ♗e4 12.♕d1 h6 13.♗xf6 ♗xf6 14.♘c3 ♗xf3 15.♗xf3 c6 16.♕b3 ♕c7 17.e3

17.♖fd1 - 107/(170)

17...a5 18.♗e2N

18.♖ac1

18...♘a6 19.♘e4 ♗e7 20.♖ac1 ♘b4 21.♗c4 [∆ f4-f5↑] **21...♖ae8! 22.f4**



22...♗d8! 23.♕d1 ♕e7 24.♕f3 ♘d5 25.♖c2 ♕b4 26.♘c5 ♖e7 27.e4 ♗b6!!

27...♘b6 28.♕b3±

28.exd5?!

28.♘b3 ♘f6∓28.♕f2 ♗xc5 29.dxc5 ♘f6∓28.♘d3 ♗xd4+ 29.♔h1 ♕xa4 30.b3 ♕a3 31.exd5 exd5∓28.♔g2! ♗xc5 29.dxc5 ♘f6 30.e5 ♘d5∞

28...cxd5! 29.♕b3

29.♗a2 ♕xd4+ 30.♕f2 ♕xf2+! 31.♖fxf2 ♖c7!-+29.♗b3 ♕xd4+ 30.♕f2 ♕xf2+ (30...♕b4!?∓) 31.♖fxf2 ♖c8 32.♘d3 ♖xc2 33.♗xc2 ♖c7 34.♗b3 ♔f8∓29.♘d3 ♗xd4+ 30.♔g2 ♕xa4 31.b3 ♕c6∓29.♕a3 ♕xa3 30.bxa3 dxc4∓

29...♗xc5 30.dxc5 ♕xc5+ 31.♖ff2 dxc4 32.♕xc4 ♕a7∓

32...♕xc4 33.♖xc4 b5 34.axb5 ♖b8 35.b4 ♖xb5 36.bxa5 ♖xa5∓

33.♔g2 ♖d7 34.♖fd2 b6 35.♕c6 ♖fd8 36.♖xd7 ♖xd7 37.h4 h5 38.♔h2 ♔h7 39.♕e4+ g6 40.♕c6 ♖d1 41.b3 ♖d3

41...♖b1 42.♖c3 b5 43.♖c5 (43.axb5 ♕g1+ 44.♔h3 ♖b2 45.♖c2 ♖xb3-+) 43...bxa4 44.bxa4 ♖a1 45.♕c7 ♖a2+ 46.♔h3 ♕xc7 47.♖xc7 ♔g7 48.♖c4 ♔f6-+

42.♕b5

42.♖c3 ♖d2+ 43.♔h3 ♕e7-+

42...♖d6 43.♖c8 ♖d2+ 44.♔h3 ♕b7 45.♕c6 ♕a6 46.♖h8+

46.♕c4 ♕xc4 47.♖xc4 ♖b2 48.♖c3 ♔g7-+

46...♔xh8 47.♕c3+ e5 48.♕xd2 exf4 49.gxf4 ♕c8+ 50.♔h2 ♕c5 51.♕b2+ ♔h7 52.♕d2 ♕e7 53.♕f2 ♕f6 54.♔h1 ♕e6 55.♕g3 ♕g4-+ 56.♕e3

56.♕f2 ♕h3+ 57.♔g1 ♕xb3-+

56...♕xh4+ 57.♔g2 ♕f6 58.♔h2 ♕e6 59.♕d3 ♕f5 60.♕e3 ♕c2+ 61.♔g3 ♕c5 62.♕e1 ♕d4 63.♕e8 ♕g1+ 64.♔f3 ♕g4+ 65.♔e3 ♕e6+ 0-1

173. [E07]
Ding, Liren (2766) - Eljanov, Pavel (2760)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Milanovic, Danilo]

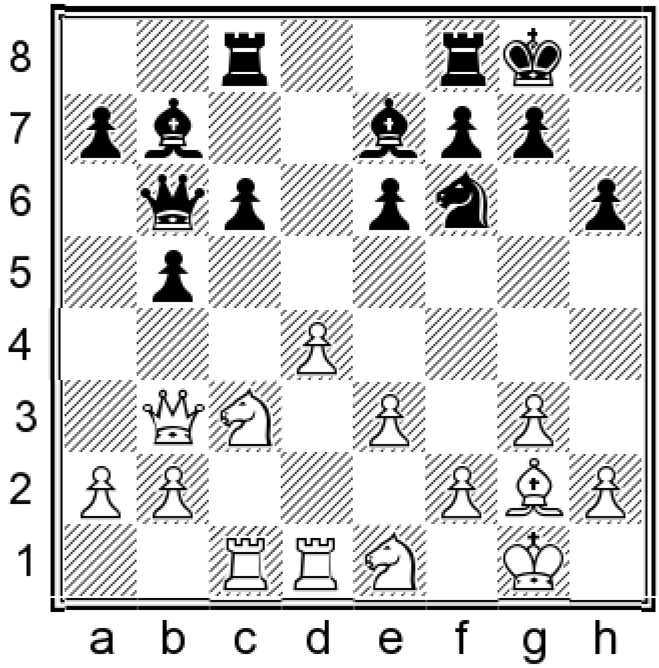
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♘c3 ♗b7 7.♗g2 c6 8.O-O d5 9.♕b3 O-O 10.♖fd1 ♘bd7 11.♖ac1 ♖c8 12.♘e1!?N

12.♗g5 - 115/(170)

12...dxc4

12...c5 13.cxd5 cxd4!? (13...c4 14.♕c2 ♘xd5 15.e4 ♘xc3 16.bxc3± (16.♗xc3!? Δ d5)) 14.d6 ♗xd6 15.♗xb7 ♘c5 16.♕c4 ♘xb7 (16...dxc3 17.♗xc8 cxd2 18.♖xd2±) 17.♕xd4 ♗e7=

13.♕xc4 b5 14.♕b3 ♕b6 15.♗g5 h6 16.♗xf6 ♘xf6 17.e3



17...c5?

17...a6 18.♘d3↑ ×c5 18...c5? 19.♘a4±17...♗a6 18.♗f1 (18.♘d3 c5 19.dxc5 ♗xc5 20.♘xc5 ♖xc5=) 18...♘d7 19.♘d3 c5 20.dxc5 ♘xc5 21.♘xc5 ♖xc5 (21...♗xc5? 22.♗xb5±) 22.a4 ♖b8 23.♘xb5 ♗b7=∞

18.♗xb7

18.♕xb5 ♗xg2 19.♕xb6 axb6 20.♔xg2±

18...♕xb7 19.♕xb5 ♕xb5

19...♕a8 20.♕e2 cxd4 21.♖xd4±

20.♘xb5± a6 21.♘c3 cxd4 22.exd4

22.♖xd4 ♘d5 23.♖a4±

22...♖fd8 23.♘f3 ♖c4 24.♔f1 g5 25.h3 ♖b4 26.♖c2 ♔g7 27.b3 ♘d5 28.♘a4 ♖b5 29.♖dd2 ♗f6 30.♖c6 ♘b4

30...a5 31.♘c5 ♖bb8±

31.♖c7 ♖f5 32.♔g2 ♖d6 33.♘c5 a5 34.♖a7 ♗d8 35.♘e4 ♖c6

35...♖a6 36.♖xa6 ♘xa6 37.♘c3+- ×♖f5

36.♘e5 ♖c7 37.♖a8 ♗f6

37...♗e7 38.g4 ♖f4 39.♘g3 ♔h7 40.♘h5+-

38.♘d6 1-0

174.* !N [E08]
Eljanov, Pavel (2760) - Carlsen, Magnus (2844)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

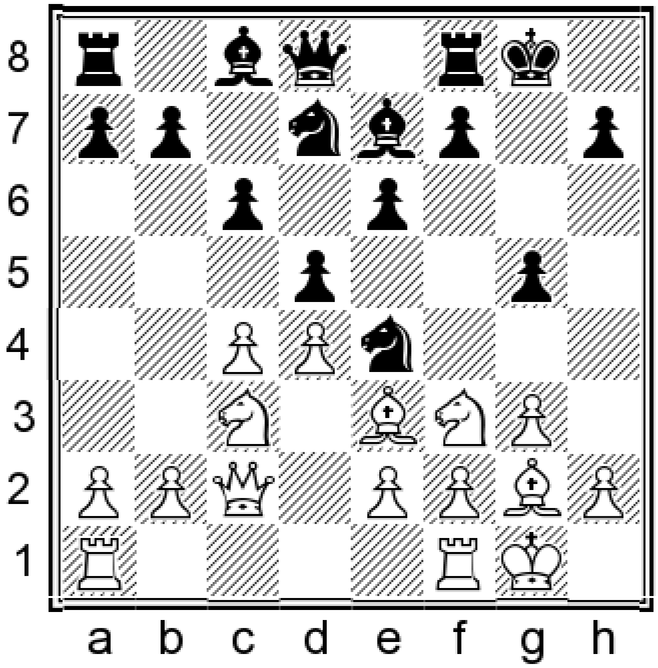
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O ♘bd7 8.♕c2 ♘e4!? 9.♗f4 c6

9...g5 10.cxd5!⩲

10.♘c3

10.♘bd2 g5 11.♗e3 f5

10...g5! 11.♗e3?!



11.♗c1 f5 12.♘xe4N (12.b3 ♗f6 13.♗b2±) 12...dxe4 13.♘d2 ♗f6 (13...e5!?) 14.♘b3 a5 15.a4∞ Gledura, B (2515) - Duda, J (2660) Gibraltar 127/(174) 2016

11...♘d6!N

11...f5 - 98/ (371)

12.b3

12.cxd5!? exd5 13.♗c1!?∞ Δ b3

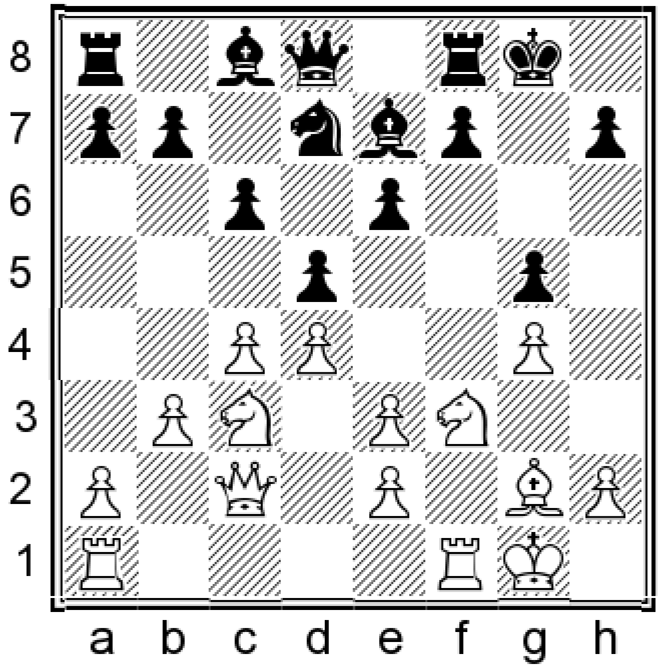
12...♘f5

12...dxc4 13.♘e4 ♘xe4 14.♕xe4 cxb3 15.axb3⯹

13.g4

13.♗d2!? g4 14.♘e1 ♘xd4 15.♕d1 Δ e3↑

13...♘xe3 14.fxe3



14...b5!!

14...h5 15.h3∞

15.e4?!

15.cxb5 cxb5 16.♘xb5 ♕b6 17.♘c3 ♗a6↑

15...b4

15...bxc4 16.bxc4 dxc4⩱

16.exd5?!

16.♘a4

16...bxc3 17.dxc6 ♘b8! 18.♕e4

18.♖fd1 ♘xc6 19.♘xg5 ♗xg5 20.♗xc6 ♖b8 21.♕xc3 ♗f4∓

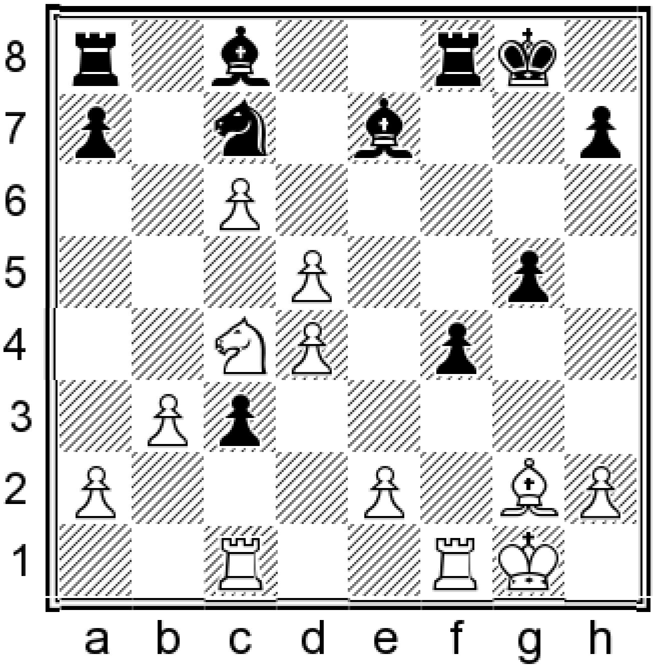
18...f5! 19.gxf5 exf5 20.♕d5+ ♕xd5 21.cxd5 ♘a6! 22.♖ac1

22.♘e5 ♘c7 23.♖ac1 ♘b5 24.e3 ♗b4∓

22...♘c7 23.♘e5 f4!?

23...♖d8 24.♖xc3 (24.e4?! fxe4 25.♗xe4 ♖xd5! (25...♘xd5? 26.♖f7↑) 26.♗xd5+ ♘xd5∓) 24...♖xd5 (24...♘xd5? 25.c7 ♖d6 26.♖c5 ♗e6 27.♘c4+-) 25.♗xd5+ ♘xd5 26.♖cc1 (26.♖cf3 f4↑) 26...♗a3↑

24.♘c4?!



24.♖xc3 ♘b5 25.♖d3 ♗f5 (25...♔g7∓) 26.e4 fxe3 27.♖xe3 ♗d6 28.♘c4 ♗f4 29.♖e7⇄

24...♖d8! 25.♖xc3 ♘xd5 26.c7 ♘xc7 27.♗xa8 ♘xa8 28.e3

28.♘e5 ♘b6 29.♘c6 ♗f6 30.h4 h6 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.♘xd8 ♗xd4+ 33.e3! ♗xc3 34.exf4 ♗d4+ 35.♔h2 (35.♔h1 ♗f6 36.♘c6 ♗b7 37.♖c1 gxf4∓) 35...gxf4∓

28...♗b4 29.♖c2 ♗b7! 30.h4

30.exf4 ♖xd4 31.fxg5 ♖g4+-+

30...♗e4!-+ 31.♖h2 ♘b6!

31...fxe3 32.♘xe3∓

32.♘e5

32.hxg5 ♘xc4 33.bxc4 fxe3-+32.exf4 ♘xc4 33.bxc4 ♗c3 34.d5 ♗d4+-+32.♘xb6 axb6 33.exf4 g4-+

32...fxe3-+ 33.hxg5 ♖xd4 34.♘g4 ♘d5 0-1

175. [E08]**
Muzychuk, Mariya (2563) - Hou, Yifan (2667)
Lviv (m/3) 2016 [Tadic, Branko]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♘f3 O-O 7.O-O ♘bd7 8.♕c2 c6 9.♖d1 b6 10.♗f4 ♗a6 11.cxd5

11.♘e5 ♖c8 12.♘c3 ♘h5 13.♗e3 ♗xc4 14.♘xc4 dxc4 15.♘e4 b5 16.a4 a6 17.♘c5N (17.axb5 axb5) 17...♘hf6?! (17...♘xc5 18.dxc5 ♕e8 19.♗d4 ♗f6∞) 18.♘xa6 ♘d5 19.♗d2± Ernst, S (2540) -Parligras, M (2584) Deutschland 127/(175) 2016

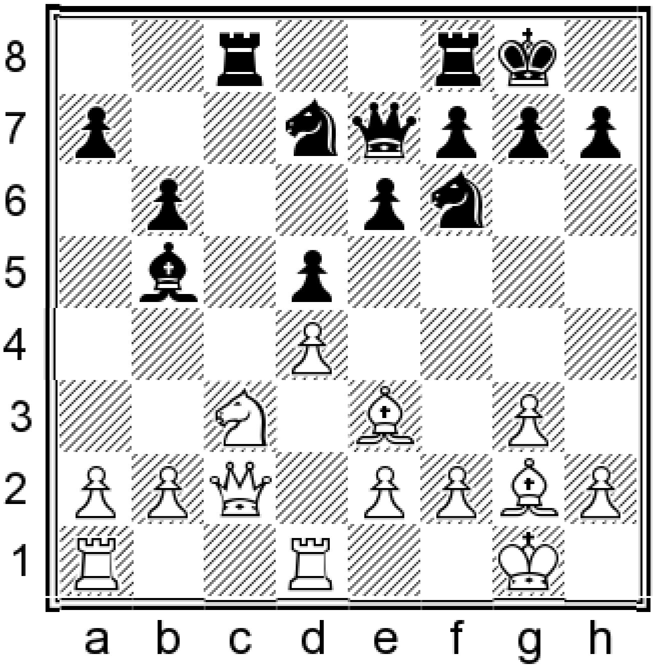
11...cxd5 12.♘e5

12.♘c3 - 73/563

12...♖c8 13.♘c6 ♗b5

13...♘h5 14.♗c1!? (14.♗e3 ♘b8 15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.♘c3±) 14...♘b8 15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.♕d2 ♖c7!?N (16...♘c6) 17.♘c3 (17.b3?! ♖fc8 18.♗a3 ♕d7↑) 17...♖fc8 (17...f5!? 18.b3 ♖fc8 19.♗b2 ♘f6 20.f3 ♘c6 21.♖ac1 ♕b4!?=) 18.♕e1 (18.e4 dxe4 19.d5 (19.♘xe4 ♘f6=) 19...♖d7 20.d6 e3! 21.fxe3 ♕g5 22.e4 ♕e5∞) 18...♘c6? (18...♘f6 19.♗f4 ♖d7 20.♖ac1 ♘c6 21.h3±) 19.e4!± Sammalvuo, T (2422) -Shengelia, D (2579) Reykjavik 127/(175) 2015

14.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 15.♘c3 ♘h5 16.♗e3 ♘hf6



16...f5 17.f3± (Δ ♗f2) 17...f4? 18.♗xf4 ♘xf4 19.gxf4 ♖xf4 20.♕d2+-

17.a4N

17.♕d2 ♗a6 18.♖ac1 h6 19.h3 ♖fe8 20.♖c2 b5 21.♖dc1±17.f3 ♗c6 18.♕d3 ♖fe8 19.♖ac1 ♗b7 20.♗f2±

17...♗c4 18.a5 bxa5

18...♕b4!? 19.♖a4 ♕b3 20.♕d2 b5 21.♖aa1 ♕b4 22.♖dc1∞

19.♖xa5 ♕b4 20.♖da1 ♖b8

20...a6 21.♗f4 ♖fe8 22.♖5a3 ♖c6 23.♖c1∞

21.♖xa7

21.♗c1 a6=

21...♕xb2 22.♕xb2 ♖xb2 23.♗f3

23.g4!? h6 24.h4 ♘b8 25.♗f3±

23...h6 24.h4 ♖c8

24...h5!?

25.♗f4?!

25.g4 ♖b3 26.♘b1 ♗b5 27.g5±

25...♖c2 26.♖7a3?!

26.♖1a3

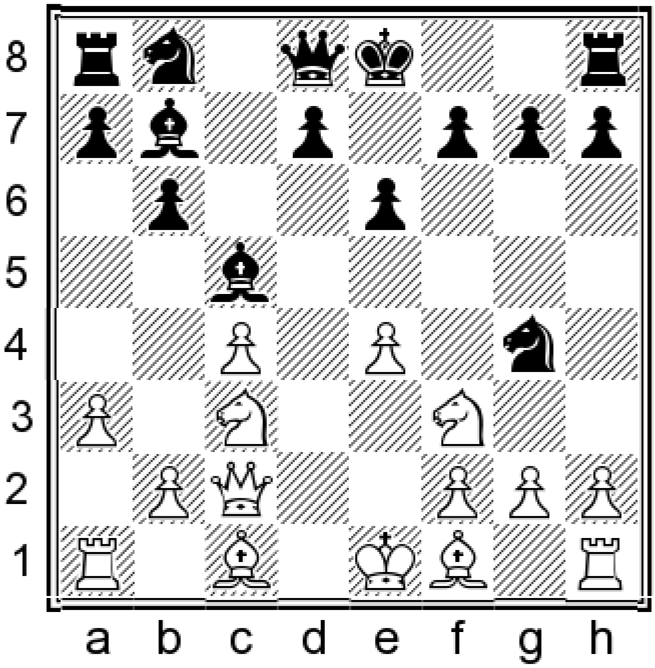
26...h5! 27.♔g2 ♔h7 28.♖c1

28.♖b1 ♖c6 29.♖b7 ♔g6=

28...♖xc1 29.♗xc1 e5!= 30.dxe5 ♘xe5 31.♗e3 ♘xf3 32.♔xf3 ♘e4 33.♘xe4 dxe4+ 34.♔xe4 ♗xe2 35.♖a5 f6 36.♖c5 ♖xc5 37.♗xc5 1/2-1/2

176. [E12]
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2748) - Khismatullin, Denis (2654)
Doha 2015 [Sokolov, Ivan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♗a6 5.♕c2 ♗b7 6.♘c3 c5 7.e4 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♗c5 9.♘f3!? ♘g4



9...♘c6 - 45/632

10.b4!?N

10.h3!? ♘xf2 11.♖h2∞10.♗g5 f6 11.♗h4 ♘c6 12.O-O-O!? (12.b4 ♗e7 13.♖d1 O-O 14.♗e2 ♘ge5 15.O-O ♘xf3+ 16.♗xf3 a5∓) 12...O-O 13.♔b1 a5 14.h3 ♘ge5 15.♘xe5 ♘xe5 16.f4 ♘c6 17.g4∞

10...♗xf2+ 11.♔e2 ♗h4 12.h3 ♘h6

12...♘f6!? 13.♘xh4 ♘h5 14.♘f3 ♘g3+ 15.♔e1 ♘xh1 16.♗f4⯹

13.g4 ♗e7 14.g5 ♘g8 15.♗f4⯹ a6 16.♖d1 h6 17.g6 f5 18.♘e5 ♕c7 19.♗h2

19.♕d2 ♘f6 (19...♗f6 20.♘d5! ♗xd5 21.♘f7 ♗xc4+ 22.♔f2 e5 23.♗xc4∞) 20.♘f7 ♕xc4+ 21.♔e1⯹

19...♘f6

19...♗f6 20.♘f7 ♕xc4+ 21.♖d3+-

20.♘f7 ♕xc4+ 21.♔e1 ♕c8 22.♗g2

22.♘xh8? ♗xe4-+

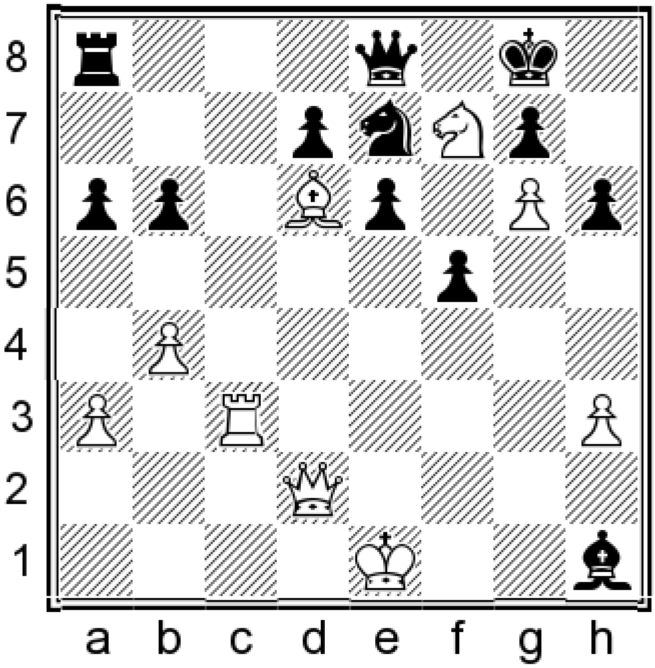
22...♘xe4 23.♘xh8 ♘xc3 24.♖d3 ♗h4+ 25.♗g3 ♗xg2 26.♗xh4 ♗xh1 27.♘f7

27.♖xc3 ♘c6 28.♕h2 ♗d5 29.♕d6 ♖a7 30.♗g3=∞

27...♔f8 28.♖xc3 ♘c6 29.♗g3 ♕e8 30.♗d6+ ♔g8?

⌓30...♘e7

31.♕d2 ♘e7



32.♘xh6+! gxh6

32...♔h8 33.♘f7+ ♔g8 34.♕g5 ♘xg6 35.♘e5 ♘xe5 36.♗xe5 ♕f7 37.♖g3 ♔f8 38.♕h4+-

33.♕xh6 ♕xg6 34.♖g3 ♔f7 35.♖xg6 ♘xg6 36.♕h7+ ♔f6 37.h4 ♘f8 38.♗e7+ 1-0

177. [E20]
Berkes, Ferenc (2650) - Sulskis, Sarunas (2535)
Hastings 2015 [Sulskis, Sarunas]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.g3 c5 5.♘f3 ♘e4 6.♕d3 ♕a5 7.♕xe4 ♗xc3+ 8.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 9.♘xd2 ♘c6 10.d5 ♘d4 11.♗g2 O-O 12.♕d3 exd5 13.♗xd5 d6 14.O-O ♗f5

14...♗e6 - 23/592

15.♗e4

15.♘e4 ♗g6 (15...♖ae8 16.e3 ♘f3+ 17.♔g2 ♘d2 18.♘f6+! gxf6 19.♕xf5 ♘xf1 20.♖xf1=∞ Δ♖e5 (20...♕d8 21.♗e4) 21.♕xf6 Δ♕d8? 22.♗xf7++-) 16.e3 ♘f3+ (16...♘c6!?) 17.♔g2 ♘d2 18.♖fd1 ♘xe4 19.♗xe4 ♖ad8±

15...♗xe4 16.♘xe4 ♖ae8 17.e3 ♘c6N

17...♘f3+ 18.♔g2 ♖xe4 (18...♘e5) 19.♕xe4 ♘d2 20.♕xb7 ♘xf1 21.♔xf1±

18.♘xd6

18.♘g5 g6 19.♕xd6 ♘e5 (19...♖d8 20.♕f6±) 20.♕d5±

18...♖d8 19.♖fd1 ♖d7 20.♕b3 ♕c7 21.♘b5 ♕c8 22.♘d6

22.♘c3 ♘e5 (22...♖xd1+ 23.♕xd1 ♘e5 24.♕d5±) 23.♘d5±

22...♕c7 23.♘e4 ♘e5 24.f4?!

24.♖xd7 ♕xd7 25.♘xc5 ♕c6 (25...♕f5 26.♕xb7 ♘g4 27.♘e4 ♕f3 28.♖f1+-) 26.♕b5 ♘f3+ 27.♔h1! (27.♔g2 ♘e1+ 28.♔f1 ♕g2+⇄) 27...♕h6 28.♔g2+-

24...♘g4 25.h3?

25.♖xd7 ♕xd7 26.♖d1 (26.♘xc5?? ♕d2-+) 26...♕e7 27.♕d3 ∆f5 28.♕d5+ ♔h8 29.♕xc5+-

25...♖e7⇄ 26.hxg4 ♖xe4 27.♔f2 ♖fe8 28.♖d3 ♕c8 29.♖ad1

29.g5 ♕h3 30.♖g1 b629.♔f3 h5 30.gxh5 ♕h3⇄

29...♕xg4

29...b6 30.♖d7±

30.♕xb7 h5

30...♖xc4 31.♕e7! ♖c2+ 32.♖1d2 ♖xd2+ 33.♖xd2 ♕c8 34.♕xa7

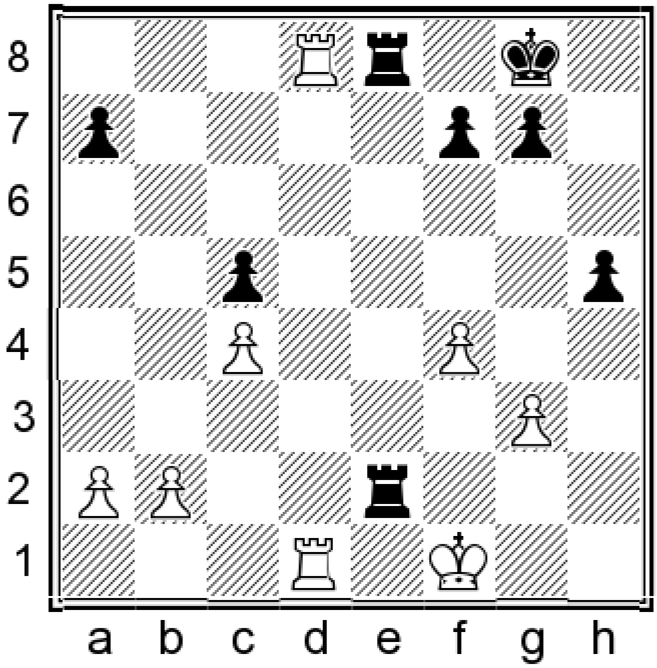
31.♕d7 ♕xd7!?

31...♖8e6 32.b3± ∆h4 33.♕d8+

32.♖xd7 ♖xe3 33.♖d8?!

33.♖1d2 h4 34.gxh4 ♖h3 (34...♖3e4 35.♔f3 ♖xc4 36.♖xa7±) 35.♔g2 ♖xh4 36.♔g3 ♖h6 37.♖xa7 ♖e3+ 38.♔f2 ♖hh3⇄

33...♖e2+ 34.♔f1



34...♖e1+! 35.♔f2 ♖e2+ 36.♔f1 ♖e1+⊕ 37.♖xe1 ♖xd8 38.♖e5 ♖d2 39.b3 ♖xa2 40.♖xc5 g6 41.b4 a6 42.♖c8+ ♔g7

43.c5 ♖b2

⌓43...♖c2=

44.♖b8 ♖c2 45.♖b7! a5 46.bxa5 ♖xc5 47.a6 ♖a5 48.a7 ♖a2 49.♔e1 ♔f6

49...g5? 50.fxg5 ♔g6 51.♔d1 ♔xg5 52.♖xf7 ♔g4 (52...h4 53.gxh4+ ♔xh4 54.♔c1 ♔g5 55.♔b1 ♖a6 56.♔b2 ♔g6 57.♖c7 ♔f5 58.♔b3 ♔e5 59.♔b4 ♔d6 60.♔b5+-) 53.♖g7+ ♔f3 54.♔c1 ♔f2 55.♔b1 ♖xa7 56.♖xa7 ♔xg3 57.♖g7++-

50.♔d1 ♔e6

50...♔f5? 51.♖xf7+ ♔g4 52.♖g7 ♔xg3 53.f5!!+-

51.♔c1 f6 52.♔b1 ♖a6! 53.♔c2

53.♖b6+?? ♖xb6+

53...♔f5 54.♖f7

54.♖g7 g5=

54...♔g4 55.♖xf6 ♖xa7 56.♖xg6+ ♔f3= 57.f5 ♖f7 58.♖g5

58.f6 ♔e4=

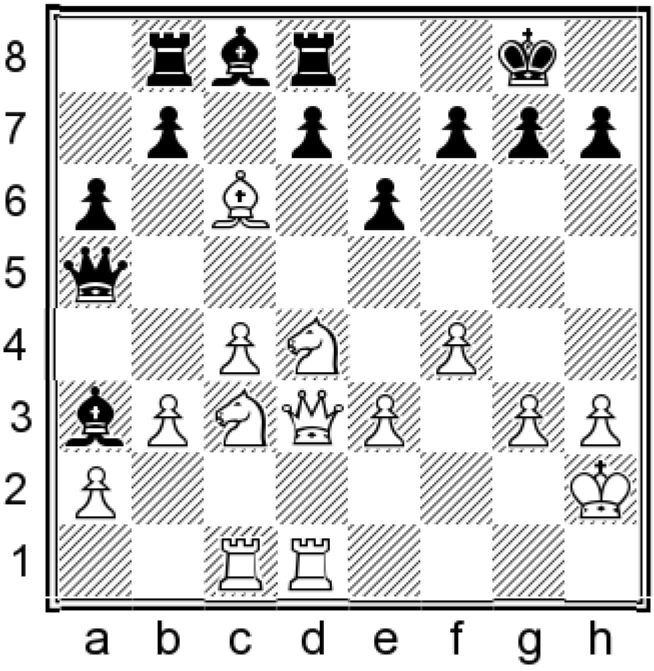
58...♔e4 59.♖xh5 ♖xf5 60.♖xf5 ♔xf5 1/2-1/2

178. [E20]
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2748) - Lenderman, Aleksandr (2626)
Doha 2015 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4+ 4.♘c3 c5 5.g3 ♘c6 6.♗g2 ♘e4 7.♗d2 ♘xd2 8.♕xd2 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♕b6 10.e3 ♘e5 11.b3 ♕a5 12.♖c1 O-O 13.O-O a6 14.♖fd1!?N

14.f4 - 106/164

14...♗a3 15.♖c2 ♖b8 16.♕e2!? ♖d8 17.h3 ♗e7 18.f4 ♘c6 19.♔h2 ♘b4 20.♖cc1 ♘c6 21.♕d3 ♗a3 22.♗xc6?!



22...♗xc1

22...dxc6! 23.♘xc6 (23.♖b1 ♗b4 24.♕c2 ♗xc3 25.b4 ♗xb4 26.♖xb4 ♗d7! (26...♕xb4 27.♘xc6 ♖xd1 28.♘xb4 ♖d8 29.g4 ♗d7∓) 27.♖a4 ♕c5∓) 23...♖xd3 24.♘xa5 ♖d7! 25.c5 (25.♖xd7 ♗xd7 26.♖d1 ♗e8-+ Δ Bb4) 25...♗xc1 26.♖xc1 ♖c7 27.b4 b6 28.♘b3 bxc5 29.bxc5 ♔f8∓

23.♗e4 ♗b2?

23...♗a3 24.♗xh7+ ♔h8 25.♘e4 ♗e7 26.♘f3 ♕h5 27.♘eg5 ♖f8 28.♖f1=∞

24.♘xe6?

24.♗xh7+! ♔h8 25.♘e4 ♗xd4 26.♘g5! ♖f8 27.♕xd4±

24...fxe6 25.♗xh7+ ♔h8?

25...♔f7! 26.♘e4 d5 27.♘g5+ ♔f8 28.♕g6 ♕c7 29.♕xe6 ♗xe6 30.♘xe6+ ♔f7 31.♘xc7 dxc4

26.♘e4 ♖f8??

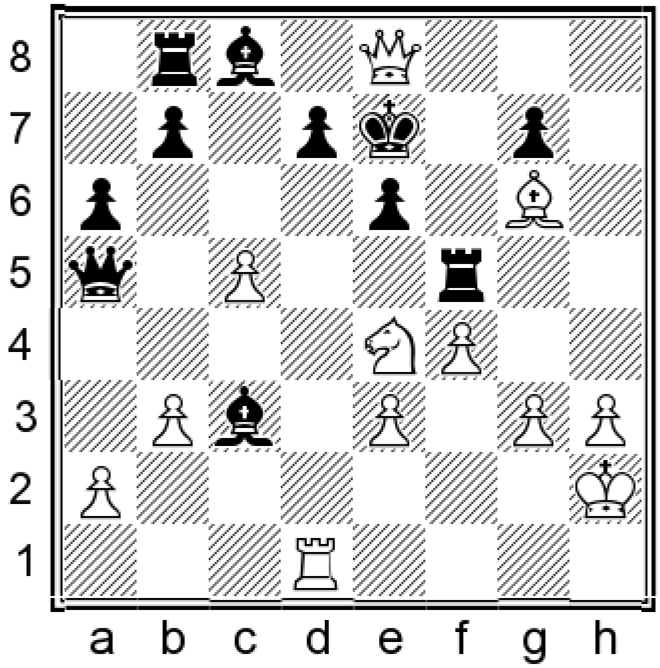
26...♗f6 27.♘xf6 gxf6 28.♕g6 ♕c5 29.♕xf6+ ♔xh7 30.♕xd8 ♕xe3 31.♕h4+ ♔g7 32.♕g5+ ♔f7 33.♕h5+ ♔g7 34.♕g5+=

27.♗g6+- ♔g8 28.♕e2 ♗f6

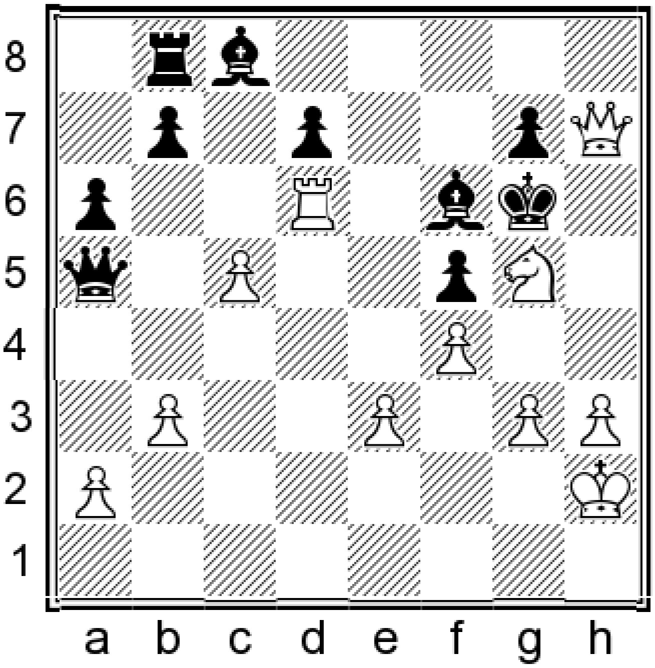
28...♖f6 29.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 30.b4 ♕d8 31.♕h5 b5 32.c5 ♗b7 33.e4 ♕c8 34.♖d6 ♗xe4 35.♗xe4 ♔f8 36.♗g6 ♔e7 37.f5

29.c5 ♗c3 30.♕h5 ♖f5 31.♗xf5

31.♕h7+ ♔f8 32.♕h8+ ♔e7 33.♕e8#



31...exf5 32.♕e8+ ♔h7 33.♘g5+ ♔h6 34.♖d6+ ♗f6 35.♕h8+ ♔g6 36.♕h7#



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179. [E20]
Yu, Yangyi (2736) - So, Wesley (2775)
Doha 2015 [Harikrishna, Penteala]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 c5 5.g3 cxd4 6.♘xd4 O-O 7.♗g2 d5 8.♘c2!? ♗xc3+ 9.bxc3 ♕c7 10.cxd5 ♘xd5 11.♘b4!? ♘xb4!?

11...♘xc3 12.♕c2 ♘d5 13.♕xc7 ♘xc7 14.O-O=∞11...♕xc3+ 12.♗d2 ♕f6 13.O-O=∞

12.cxb4 ♖d8 13.♕b3 ♘c6 14.O-ON

14.♗e3

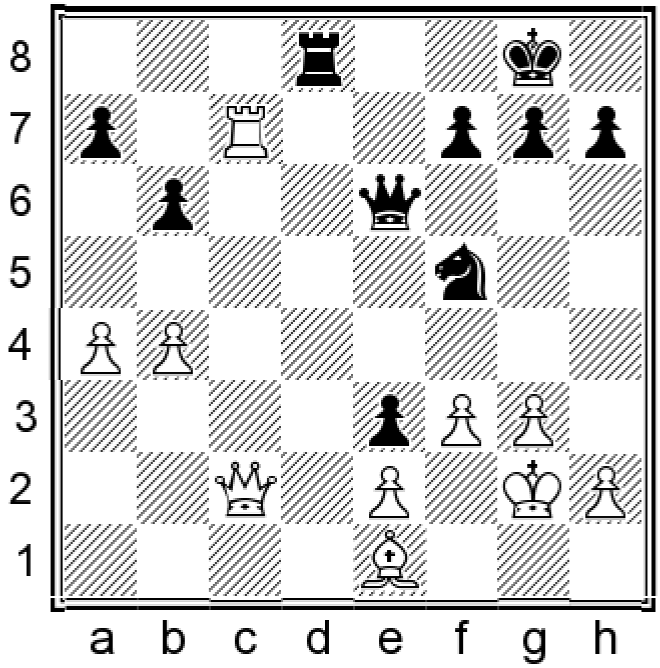
14...♘d4 15.♕b2 e5 16.♗e3

16.e3 ♘c2 17.♖b1 ♗e6

16...♗g4 17.♖ac1 ♕d7 18.f3

18.♗xd4 ♕xd4 19.♕xd4 ♖xd4 (19...exd4!?=) 20.a3 ♗xe2 21.♖fe1 ♖d2 22.♗xb7=

18...♗h3 19.♖fd1 ♗xg2 20.♔xg2 ♕e6 21.♖c7 b6 22.a4 ♘f5 23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♗f2 e4 25.♕c2 e3 26.♗e1



26...h5! 27.♖xa7

27.♕e4 ♖d2!? 28.♕xe6 fxe6 29.♔f1 ♘d4 30.♖xa7 ♘c2 31.♖c7 ♘xb4 32.♖c1=

27...♘d4 28.♕e4 ♕c4 29.♕xe3?!

29.♕d3 ♕c1 30.♗c3 ♘c6 31.♖d7 ♖xd7 32.♕xd7 ♕xc3 33.♕e8+ ♔h7 34.♕xf7=

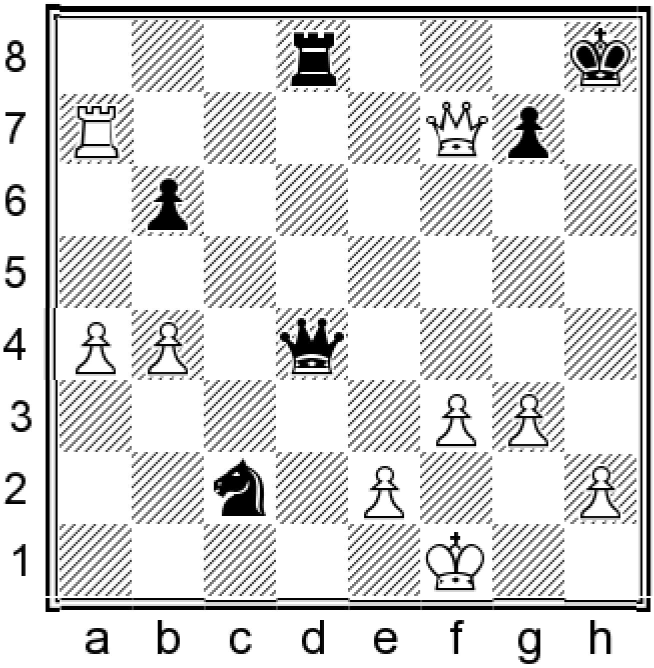
29...♘c2 30.♕e7 ♘xe1+ 31.♔f2 ♕d4+

31...♖d1! 32.♕e8+ ♔h7 33.♕e4+ ♕xe4 34.fxe4 ♘c2 35.a5 bxa5 36.bxa5 ♖a1 37.♖xf7 ♘d4 (37...♖xa5 38.♖f5)

32.♔f1! ♘c2?

32...♖f8! 33.♔xe1 ♕g1+ 34.♔d2 ♕d4+ 35.♔c2 ♕c4+ 36.♔d2 ♕d4+=

33.♕xf7+ ♔h8 34.♕xh5+ ♔g8 35.♕f7+ ♔h8 36.♕h5+ ♔g8 37.♕f7+ ♔h8



38.♔g2! ♘e3+ 39.♔h3 ♔h7 40.♕h5+ ♔g8 41.♖e7 ♖f8 42.a5 bxa5 43.bxa5 ♘d5 44.♕e5 ♕xe5 45.♖xe5+- ♘b4 46.♖e4 ♘d5 47.♖c4 ♖f6 48.♖c5 ♖f5 49.♖c8+ ♔f7 50.a6 ♘e3 51.g4 ♖a5 52.♖c7+ ♔f6 53.♖c6+ ♔f7 54.♔g3 g5 55.h4 gxh4+ 56.♔xh4 ♘d5 57.e4 ♘e7 58.♖b6 ♘g6+ 59.♔g3 ♖a3 60.g5 ♘e5 61.♖f6+ ♔e7 62.♔g2 ♘d3 63.♖h6 ♖a5 64.a7 ♖xg5+ 65.♔f1 ♖g8 66.♔e2 ♘e5 67.f4 ♘d7 68.♖a6 ♖a8 69.♔e3 ♘c5 70.♖a1 ♘b7 71.e5 ♘d8 72.♖a6 ♔d7 73.f5 ♘c6 74.e6+ ♔c7 75.f6 ♘b4 76.f7 ♔b7 77.♖d6 1-0

180. [E20]
Lenderman, Aleksandr (2626) - Bok, Benjamin (2594)
London (open) 2015 [Smerdon, David C]

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 e6 5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.g3 O-O 7.♗g2 d5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♕b3 ♕a5 10.♗d2

10.O-O ♘xc3 11.bxc3 (11.a3 ♘xe2+ 12.♘xe2 ♗c5 13.♗xb7 ♗xb7 14.♕xb7 ♕b6!=) 11...♗xc3 12.♗b2 ♗xb2 13.♕xb2 ♕b6!=

10...♘c6 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.O-O ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♗a6 14.♖fe1!?

14.♖fd1 - 125/178

14...♖ab8 15.♕c2 ♕c5N

15...♗c4!? 16.e4 ♘b6 17.e5 ♘d5 (17...♖fd8) 18.♖e4 ♕a6 19.♖h4 ♗d3!=

16.a3

16.e4 ♘b4! 17.♕a4 ♘d3! 18.♗e3 (18.♕xa6?? ♕xf2+ 19.♔h1 ♕xd2-+) 18...♕xc3 19.♖ed1 ♗b5! 20.♕b3 (20.♕xa7?! ♖a8 21.♕d4 ♕xd4 22.♗xd4 c5! 23.♗e3 c4∓)

16...♖fd8 17.♗f3 h6 18.h4?!

18.c4! ♕xc4 (18...♘b6 19.♗b4! ♕xc4 20.♖ec1 ♕xc2 21.♖xc2 ♗b5 22.♖ac1 ♗a4 23.♖c5 ♗b5= 24.♗xc6 ♗xe2) 19.♕xc4 ♗xc4 20.♖ec1♾

18...♖d7 19.♖eb1

19.c4!=

19...♖bd8 20.♖b2

20.c4!=

20...♗c4!∓ 21.a4 ♕a5! 22.♕c1 ♕a6 23.♗e1 ♘f6 24.♕c2 c5 25.a5 e5 26.♗g2 ♗d5?!

26...♕e6! 27.f3 e4! 28.fxe4 ♘g4! 29.♗f2 ♕e5 30.♕c1 (30.♗f3? ♘e3 31.♗xe3 ♕xg3+ 32.♔h1 (32.♔f1 ♕xf3+) 32...♕xh4+ 33.♔g2 ♖d6-+) 30...♘xf2 31.♔xf2 ♖d6∓

27.♗xd5

27.e4! ♗c4 28.f3∞ Δ Bf2

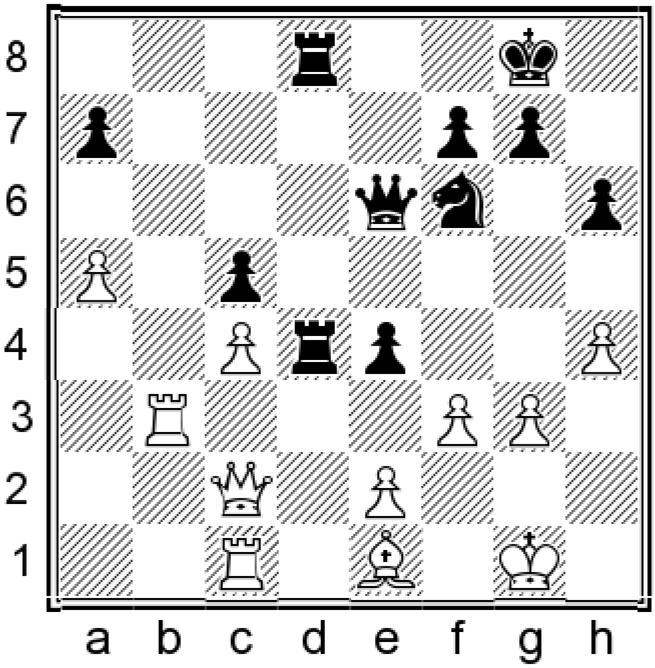
27...♖xd5 28.c4 ♖d4 29.♖c1?!

29.♖ab1!? ♖xc4 30.♕f5!=∞29.♕f5!? ♕xc4 30.♕xe5∞

29...♕e6! 30.f3?

30.♕b1! e4 (30...♖xc4 31.♖b8=) 31.♗c3 ♖xc4 32.♗xf6 ♖xc1+ 33.♕xc1 ♕xf6 34.♖c2=

30...e4!∓ 31.♖b3?



31.♖cb1 ♖xc4 32.♕b3! ♘d7!∓

31...♕h3!!-+ 32.♗f2

32.e3 ♖d2!! 33.♗xd2 ♕xg3+ 34.♔f1 ♕xf3+ 35.♔g1 (35.♔e1 ♘g4 36.♕c3 ♘h2) 35...♕g3+ 36.♔h1 ♕xh4+ 37.♔g1 ♕g3+ 38.♔h1 ♕f3+ 39.♔g1 ♖d6!!32.fxe4 ♘g432.♖cb1 e3!! 33.♖xe3 ♘h5!

32...♖d2 33.♖b8 ♖xc2

33...e3 34.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 35.♗xe3 ♕xg3+ 36.♔f1 ♘g4 37.fxg4 ♕xe3

34.♖xd8+ ♔h7 35.♖xc2 e3! 36.♗xe3

36.♗e1 ♘h5! 37.♖d3 ♘xg3 38.♗xg3 ♕xg3+ 39.♔h1 ♕xh4+ 40.♔g2 ♕f2+ 41.♔h1 h5

36...♕xg3+ 37.♔f1 ♕h3+ 38.♔e1♘e4!! 39.fxe4 ♕xh4+ 40.♔f1 ♕xd8 41.♖d2 ♕xa5 42.♖d3 ♕b4 0-1

181. [E21]
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2747) - Adams, Michael (2744)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 b6 5.♗d2 O-O 6.♖c1

6.e3 - 107/287

6...c5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.g3 ♗b7 9.♗g2 ♘e4 10.O-O ♘xd2 11.♕xd2 ♕e7 12.a3!?N

12.♖fd1

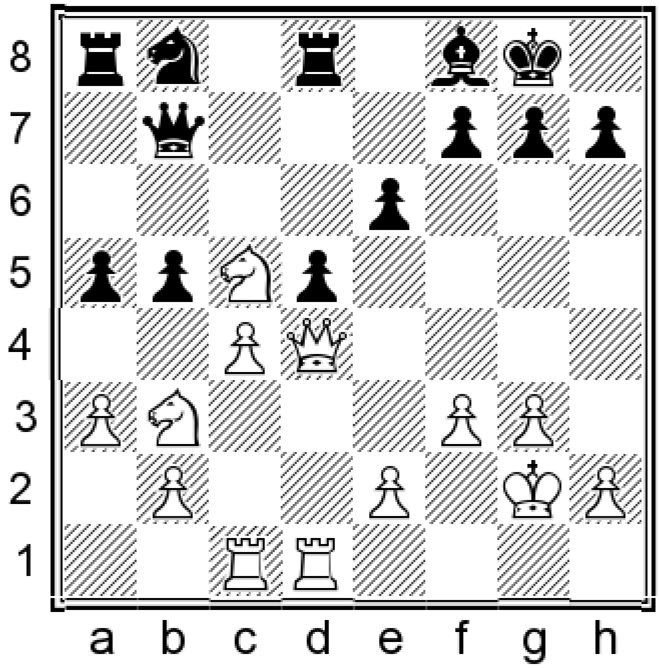
12...a5 13.♖fd1 ♖d8 14.♘a4 d6

14...♘c6 15.♘e5 ♘xe5 16.♗xb7 ♖ab8 17.♗g2±

15.♘d4 ♗xg2 16.♔xg2 ♕b7+ 17.f3 d5 18.♘b3 ♗f8 19.♕d4

19.♕f4!?±

19...b5 20.♘ac5



20.♘bc5 ♕c6 21.cxb5 ♕xb5 22.♕d3 ♕xd3 23.♖xd3 ♗xc5 24.♘xc5 ♘d7 25.♘xd7 ♖xd7=

20...♕a7!

20...♕b6 21.cxd5 ♖xd5 22.♕e4 ♖xd1 23.♖xd1 ♖a7 24.a4 g6 25.♖c1=

21.cxb5 a4 22.♘a1

22.♘d2 ♕b6 23.♕c3 ♕xb5∓

22...♕b6 23.♘xa4

23.♕c3 ♕xb5 24.♘d3 ♘d7∓

23...♕xb5 24.♘c5 ♘c6?

24...♕xe2+ 25.♕f2 ♕b5 26.♘ab3 ♘c6 27.f4 g6∓24...♗xc5 25.♕xc5 ♕xb2 26.♖c2 (26.♘c2 ♘d7 27.♕d4 ♖db8 28.♕xb2 ♖xb2∓) 26...♕xa3 27.♕xa3 ♖xa3∓

25.♕f2□ ♘e5 26.♘d3 ♘xd3 27.exd3 g6 28.♖c3 ♖db8 29.♖d2 ♕a4=∞ 30.♖cc2?!

30.f4

30...♗h6! 31.f4

31.♖e2 ♗g7∓ ×Na1, d4

31...e5 32.♕f3 exf4 33.♖f2 ♕d4

33...♕d7! 34.gxf4 ♗g7∓

34.♖ce2 ♖a6?

34...♗g7

35.♘c2! ♕c5

35...♕xb2 36.♘b4 ♕xa3 37.♘xa6 ♕xa6 38.♕xd5

36.♘b4 ♖d6 37.gxf4 ♗g7 38.f5± ♖bd8 39.♖c2 ♕b5 40.fxg6 ♖xg6+ 41.♔h1 ♕d7 42.♖g2

42.♖f1 ♖f6 43.♕d1 ♖xf1+ 44.♕xf1±

42...♖e8 43.♖ce2 ♗d4?

43...♖xe2 44.♕xe2 ♖xg2 45.♔xg2 ♔f8=∞

44.♕xd5 ♖d8?

44...♖xg2 45.♕xg2+ ♔f8 46.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 47.♕e4 ♗xb2 48.♕xe8+ ♔xe8 49.a4±

45.♕xd7 ♖xd7 46.♘c6 ♗f6 47.d4+- ♖d6 48.♖c2 ♔f8 49.♖xg6 hxg6 50.♖c4 1-0

182. [E32]
Pratyusha, Bodda (2260) - Carlsson, Pontus (2430)
Doha 2015 [Carlsson, Pontus]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 b6 5.e4 c5 6.d5!?

6.a3 - 126/174

6...♕e7! 7.♗e2 exd5?! 8.exd5 ♕e4?! 9.♕xe4+?

9.♕d2! ♗xc3! (9...♕xg2? 10.♗f3 ♕g6 11.♘ge2 O-O 12.♖g1 ♕f5 13.♕g5 ♕xg5 14.♗xg5 ♔h8 15.a3 ♗a5 16.O-O-O ♗a6 17.b3 d6 18.♗xf6 gxf6 19.♘e4±) 10.♕xc3 d6 11.♕e3 ♕xe3 12.♗xe3 O-O 13.♗f4±

9...♘xe4 10.♗d2 ♗xc3 11.♗xc3 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 d6= 13.♗d3 ♘d7 14.♘f3 ♘f6N

14...O-O

15.h3! O-O

15...♗d7!? 16.♔d2 ♔d8 17.♖he1 h6 18.g4 ♔c7 19.♖e7 ♖hf8 20.♘h4 ♖ae8 21.♖ae1 ♖xe7 22.♖xe7 ♔d8 23.♖e1=

16.♔d2

16.a4! (∆ a5 ×b6) 16...a5!? (16...♖e8+ 17.♔d2 ♘e4+ 18.♗xe4 ♖xe4 19.♖he1 ♖xe1 20.♖xe1 ♔f8=) 17.♔d2 ♖b8 18.♖hb1 ♖e8 19.♖a2 ♘e4+ 20.♗xe4 ♖xe4 21.♖ab2 ♔f8 22.♖xb6 ♖xb6 23.♖xb6 ♔e7 24.♔d3 ♗f5 25.♖b7+ ♔f6 26.♖xf7+ ♔g6 27.g4 ♖d4+ 28.♔e2 ♖e4+ 29.♔d3=

16...♖e8 17.♖he1 ♗d7 18.♘g5?!

18.a4!?

18...h6 19.♘e4 ♘xe4+ 20.♗xe4 f5 21.♗d3 ♔f7

21...♖xe1! 22.♖xe1 ♔f7=

22.f4?!

22.♖eb1!? ∆ a4-a5 ×b6

22...♔f6 23.♖xe8 ♖xe8 24.♖e1 ♖g8! 25.♔e3 g5 26.g3 h5 27.♔f2

27.♖f1! h4 28.fxg5+ ♔xg5 29.gxh4+ ♔f6 30.♔f3 ♖h8 31.♔g3 ♖g8+=

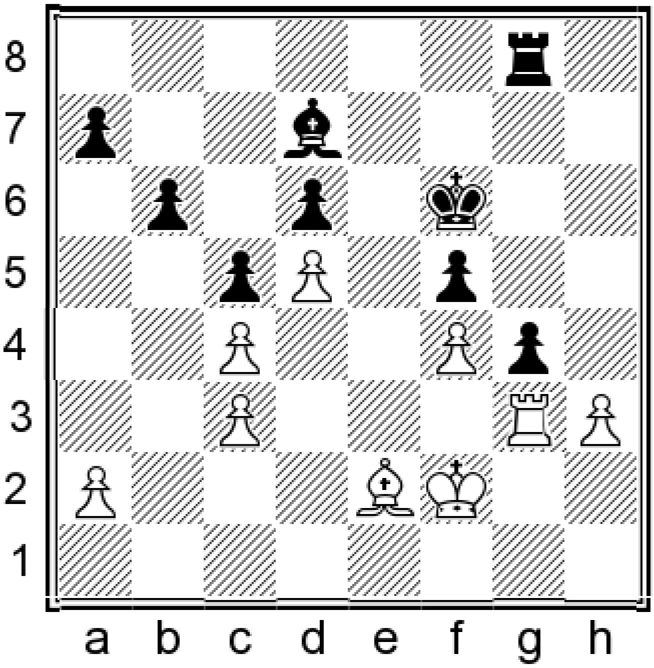
27...h4! 28.♖g1

28.fxg5+ ♖xg5 29.gxh4 ♖h5 30.♔g3 f4+! 31.♔xf4 ♖xh4+ 32.♔e3 ♖xh3+ 33.♔d2 ♖h2+ 34.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 35.♔xe2 ♔e5∓

28...hxg3+

28...♖h8 29.fxg5+ ♔xg5 30.gxh4+ ♔f6! 31.♖g2 ♖xh4 32.♔g3 ♖h7 33.♖h2 f4+ 34.♔xf4 ♖xh3 35.♖xh3 ♗xh3∓

29.♖xg3 g4!? 30.♗e2



30...♖e8! 31.♖e3

31.hxg4? fxg4 32.♖e3 (32.♗xg4? ♗xg4 33.♖xg4 ♖e4∓) 32...♖h8 33.♗f1 a6!∓ ∆ b5

31...♖h8! 32.♗f1 a6! [∆ b5] **33.♔g3 b5 34.h4 ♖b8 35.♖e1 bxc4?⊕**

35...b4! 36.cxb4 cxb4∓

36.♗xc4 a5 37.♗d3 c4! 38.♗f1 a4 39.h5 a3 40.♖e3 ♖c8!?

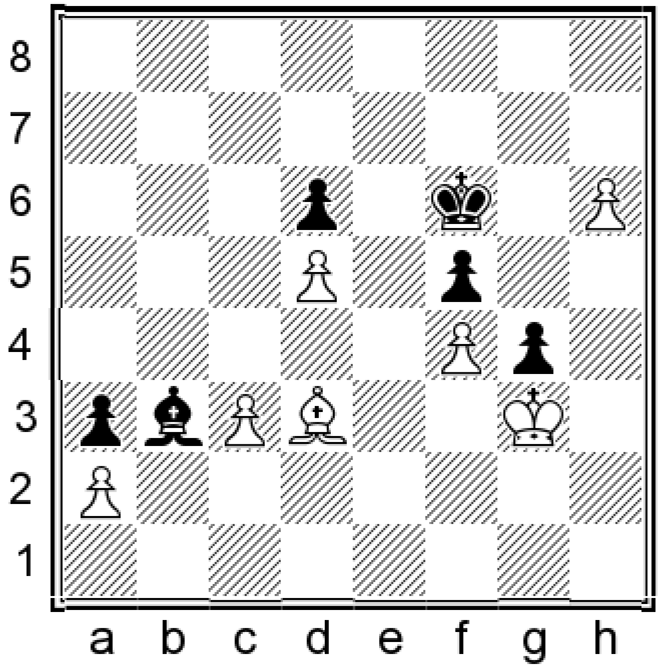
40...♖b1 41.♗xc4 ♖h1 42.♔f2 ♖h2+ 43.♔g1 ♖xh5 44.♗f1 ♖h8 45.c4 ♖e8 46.♖xa3 ♖e4 47.♖a7 ♗e8 48.♖a6 ♔e7 49.♖a7+ ♔f6=

41.h6 ♖e8!? 42.♖xe8 ♗xe8 43.♗xc4 ♗a4?

43...♗f7! 44.♔h4 ♔g6 45.♗d3 ♗xd5 46.♗xf5+ ♔xh6 47.♗b1 ♗f3=

44.h7??

44.♗d3! ♔g6 (44...♗b3??



45.♗xf5!! ♗xa2 46.♗e4! ♗b3 47.f5! a2 48.h7 ♔g7 49.f6+ ♔h8 50.f7+-) 45.h7 ♔xh7 46.♗xf5+ ♔g7 47.♔xg4 ♗b3 48.♗b1 ♗xd5+-

44...♔g7 45.♗d3 ♗b3! 46.c4

46.axb3 a2 47.♗xf5 a1=Q-+46.♗b1 ♗xd5 47.♔h4 ♗e6 48.♔g3 ♔xh7-+

46...♗xa2 47.c5 dxc5 48.d6 ♗e6 49.♗c4 ♗d7 50.♗g8 c4! 51.♗xc4 ♔xh7 52.♔f2 ♔g7 [Δ Kf6, Be6] **0-1**

183.* !N [E32]
Kavutskiy, Konstantin (2360) - Carlsson, Pontus (2430)
Gibraltar 2016 [Carlsson, Pontus]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 b6 5.e4 c5 6.d5!? ♕e7! 7.♗e2 d6! 8.♘f3 O-O 9.O-O?!

9.♗e3! ♗xc3+ 10.bxc3 exd5 11.exd5 ♗g4 12.O-O ♘bd7=

9...♗xc3! 10.bxc3 exd5 11.exd5 ♗f5!

11...♗g4

12.♕b2?!N

12.♕xf5! - 127/(183) 12...♕xe2 13.♗f4 (13.♗h6! ♕e4! 14.♕xe4 ♘xe4 15.♖fe1 f5 16.♗f4 ♘d7 17.♘g5 (17.♘h4 g6 18.f3

♘xc3 19.♖e3 ♘a4 20.♗xd6 ♖fe8 21.♖ae1 ♖xe3 22.♖xe3 b5! 23.cxb5 ♘ab6 24.♖e7 c4∓) 17...♘xg5 18.♗xg5 ♘e5 19.♗e7 ♖fc8 20.♗xd6 ♘xc4 21.♗f4 ♔f7∞) 13...♕xc4 14.♗xd6 ♖e8∓ Siva, M (2370) -Kobo, O (2437) Marianske Lazne 127/(183) 2016

12...♗g4! 13.h3 ♖e8!?

13...♗xf3 14.♗xf3 ♘bd7=

14.hxg4!

14.♗e3 ♗h5 15.♖fe1 ♘bd7 16.♘d2 (16.♗f4?! ♗xf3 17.♗xf3 ♕xe1+ 18.♖xe1 ♖xe1+ 19.♔h2 ♘e5∓) 16...♗xe2 17.♖xe2 ♘e5 18.♕c2 ♘g6∓ (18...♕d7=)

14...♕xe2 15.♕xe2

15.♕b5!? h6 16.g5! (16.♖e1?! ♕xe1+ 17.♘xe1 ♖xe1+ 18.♔h2 ♘xg4+ 19.♔g3 ♘f6 20.♗b2 ♖xa1 21.♗xa1 ♘bd7 22.♕c6 ♖e8 23.f3 ♖e2-+ ×Kg3, Ba1) 16...hxg5 17.♖e1! (17.♗xg5 ♘bd7 18.♖fe1 a6 19.♕a4 ♕d3 20.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 21.♕xa6 ♕xc3∓) 17...♕xe1+ 18.♘xe1 ♖xe1+ 19.♔h2 ♖f1 20.♖b1 ♖xf2 21.♗xg5 ♘bd7 22.♕c6 ♖e8 23.♕xd6 ♖ee2 24.♗xf6 ♖xg2+ 25.♔h1 ♘xf6⇄

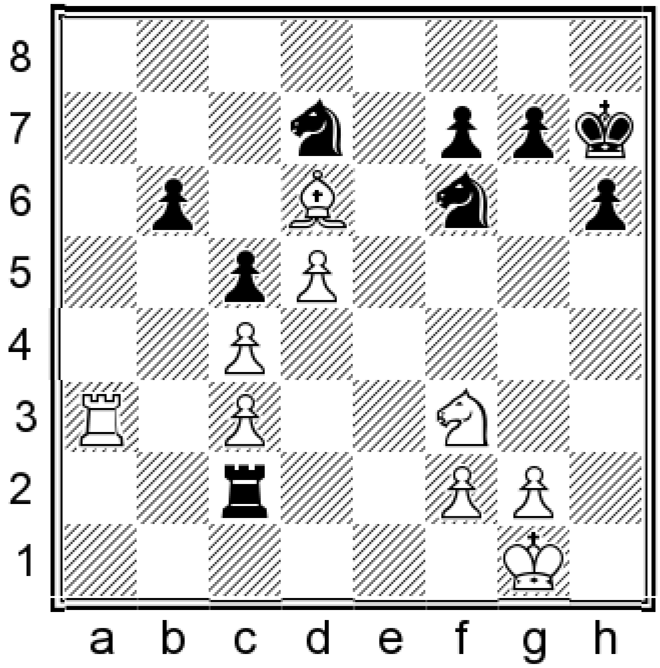
15...♖xe2 16.♗f4

16.g5 ♘e4 17.♗f4 ♘d7 18.♖fe1 ♘xc3 19.♗xd6 ♖ae8∞

16...♘bd7!? 17.♗xd6?!

17.g5! ♘e4 18.♖fe1 ♘xc3 19.♗xd6 ♖ae8∞

17...♘xg4∓ 18.a4 ♖ae8! 19.a5 h6! ×c3, c4 **20.axb6 axb6 21.♖a7 ♘gf6! 22.♖fa1 ♖c2 23.♖a8 ♖xa8 24.♖xa8+ ♔h7 25.♖a3**



25.♘e5?? ♘xe5 26.♗xe5 ♖c1+ 27.♔h2 ♘g4+ 28.♔g3 ♘xe5-+

25...♘g4! 26.♘h2?

26.♘e1! ♖c1 27.♔f1 ♘de5 28.♗xe5 ♘xe5 29.♔e2 ♘xc4 30.♖b3 ♔g6∓

26...♖c1+?!

26...♘xf2! 27.♖a7 ♘f6 28.♖xf7 ♘2e4 29.♗f4 (29.♗e5 ♖c1+ 30.♘f1 ♘d2-+) 29...♔g6 30.♖b7 ♖xc3-+

27.♘f1 ♘de5 28.♖a7

28.♖a4 ♘d3! 29.♗c7 ♘b2 30.d6 ♘xa4 31.d7 ♘xc3 32.g3 ♖d1 33.d8=Q ♖xd8 34.♗xd8 b5-+

28...♘xc4 29.♗f4 ♖d1 30.d6

30.♖xf7 ♔g6 31.♖f8 ♖xd5-+

30...g5! 31.f3 gxf4 32.♖xf7+

32.fxg4 ♘e3 (32...♘xd6-+) 33.♖xf7+ ♔g6 34.♖xf4 ♘xf1 35.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 36.♔xf1 ♔f6-+

32...♔g6 33.♖xf4 ♘ge3 0-1

184. [E32]
Miron, Lucian Costin (2496) - Baklan, Vladimir (2617)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 d6 7.♗g5 ♘bd7 8.f3 b6

8...h6 9.♗h4 c5 10.e3 (10.dxc5 ♘xc5 11.♗xf6 (11.♖d1 e5 12.♗f2 (12.b4?! ♘fe4!) 12...♕c7) 11...♕xf6 12.♕xf6 gxf6 13.♖d1 (13.e4 e5 14.O-O-O ♖d8 15.♘e2 a5 16.♘c3 f5⇄) 13...♖d8 14.e3 ♗d7!? 15.♖xd6 ♗a4=∞) (10.e4!? b6 (10...e5 11.d5 b5 12.♗f2±) 11.♗f2 (11.♖d1? ♘xe4!∓) 11...♗a6 12.♖d1) 10...e5 11.O-O-O (11.d5 e4 12.f4 b5⇄) (11.♗d3 exd4 12.exd4 ♖e8+ 13.♘e2 cxd4 14.♕xd4 ♘c5⇄) 11...b5!? (11...a6 12.♘h3 b5 13.dxe5 ♘xe5 14.♗xf6 ♕xf6 15.f4 ♘g4 16.♕xf6 ♘xf6 17.♖xd6 ♘e4 18.♖b6 ♗xh3 19.gxh3 ♘f2 20.♖g1 ♖ad8 21.♗e2 ♖fe8 22.cxb5 ♖xe3 23.♗c4 axb5 24.♖xb5 ♖xh3 25.a4!±) 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.cxb5 a6 14.bxa6 ♗xa6 15.♘e2 c4⇄8...e5!? 9.e4 (9.d5?! c6 10.dxc6 (10.e4 cxd5 11.exd5 (11.cxd5 ♘xe4!) 11...b5!∓) 10...bxc6 11.e3 h6 12.♗xf6 (12.♗h4 ♖e8 Δ d5) 12...♘xf6 13.♗d3 e4∓) (9.e3 ♖e8 10.O-O-O exd4 11.exd4 h6 12.♗h4 b5!? 13.cxb5 ♘b6⇄) 9...exd4 (9...a5 10.♗e3 a4 11.♖d1 exd4 12.♗xd4±) 10.♕xd4 ♘e5 (10...a5 11.♘e2! (11.♘h3?! ♘c5 12.♗xf6 gxf6 13.♕c3 f5∓) 11...a4 12.♘c3 ♘c5 13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.♖d1±) (10...♘c5 11.♖d1 ♗d7!?) 11.O-O-O h6 12.♗h4 ♗d7!? 13.c5 ♗e6⇄

9.e4

9.e3 - 126/1759.♘h3 h6 (9...c5 10.e4 h6 11.♗e3 ♗a6 12.♖d1±) 10.♗h4 c5 11.♘f2 (11.e3 ♗a6 12.b4 d5 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.b5 ♗b7⇄) 11...♗a6 12.dxc5 ♘xc5 13.♗xf6 ♕xf6 14.♕xf6 gxf6 15.e3 ♖ac8 16.b4 ♘a4 17.♘e4 f5 18.♘xd6 ♖c6 19.♘xf7 ♖xf7 20.b5 ♗xb5 21.cxb5 ♖c2=∞

9...c5

9...e5 10.♘e2 (10.d5 ♘c5!? 11.b4 ♘fxe4 12.fxe4 ♕xg5 13.bxc5 ♕h4+ 14.♔d2 bxc5 15.♕e3 f5=∞) 10...exd4 11.♘xd4 ♘e5 12.♗e3± Δ 0-0-0

10.♘h3

10.♗d3?! ♗a6! 11.♘h3 (11.♘e2 ♖c8∓) 11...h6 12.♗e3 (12.♗h4 cxd4 13.♕xd4 ♘c5 14.♖d1 e5∓) 12...d5 13.O-O cxd4 14.♗xd4 e5 15.♗xe5 ♘xe5 16.♕xe5 dxe4 17.♗xe4 ♖e8 18.♕c3 ♘xe4 19.fxe4 ♕c7!∓10.dxc5 bxc5 11.♘h3 h6 12.♗f4 (12.♗h4 d5↑) 12...e5 13.♗e3 ♘b8! 14.♘f2 ♘c6∓

10...h6

10...♗b7 11.♖d1 h6 12.♗e3±10...♗a6 11.♖d1 (11.dxc5 bxc5 12.♖d1 ♕b6 13.♗f4 d5⇄) 11...h6 12.♗e3 ♕c7 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.♕d2 ♘e5 15.♕xd6 ♕xd6 16.♖xd6 ♗xc4 17.♗f4 ♗xf1 18.♗xe5 ♗c4 19.♔f2±

11.♗e3

11.♗h4 ♗a6 12.♘f2 ♖c8 (Δ Ne4) 13.dxc5 ♖xc5! 14.♗g3 (14.♕d4 ♖c6⇄ Δ e5) 14...♖c6 15.♕d2 e5 16.♖d1 ♗xc4=

11...cxd4

11...♕e7 12.♖d1 ♖d8 13.e5±11...♕c7 12.d5 exd5 (12...♖e8 13.♗e2 ♗b7 14.♖d1 exd5 15.cxd5 ♖e7 16.O-O ♖ae8 17.♕b3±) 13.cxd5 ♖b8 14.♗e2 ♖e8 15.♘f2 b5 16.b4±11...♗a6 12.♖d1 (12.dxc5 bxc5 13.♖d1 ♕b6 14.b4 ♖fc8!⇄) 12...♕c7 (12...cxd4 13.♕xd4 ♖c8 14.b3 ♘e8 15.♗e2 ♘c5 16.♕b2±) 13.♘f2 ♖ac8 14.dxc5 dxc5 (14...bxc5 15.♕d2) 15.♗e2 e5 16.O-O (16.♕c1 ♘b8!⇄ Δ Nc6) 16...♘b8 17.b4! cxb4 18.axb4 ♗xc4 19.♗xc4 ♕xc4 20.♕xe5 ♘c6 21.♕a1 ♕xb4 22.♗xh6±

12.♕xd4 ♕c7N

12...♘c5 13.♖d1 ♘b7 14.e5 dxe5 15.♕xe5 ♗d7 16.b3!? (16.b4 ♕b8 17.♕c3 e5 18.♘f2 ♘d6⇄ Δ Nf5) (16.♘f2 ♕e7 17.♗d3 ♗a4 18.♖d2 ♘c5⇄) 16...♕e7 17.♗d3! (17.♕b2?! e5) 17...♕xa3 18.O-O ♕e7 (18...♕xb3? 19.♗xh6+-) 19.♘f2↑12...♘e8 13.b4 (13.♘f2) 13...♘e5 (13...e5 14.♕d2 ♘b8 15.♘f2 ♘c6 16.♖d1±) 14.♗e2 ♘c6 15.♕d2 e5 16.♘f2 ♘c7 17.♖d1 ♘e6 18.♕xd6 ♘cd4 19.♕xd8 ♖xd8 20.♘d3 ♘c2+ 21.♔f2 ♘xe3 22.♔xe3 f6 23.♖c1 ♘d4 24.a4 (24.♖hd1 ♗d7 Δ Ba4) 24...♗e6 (24...♗d7 25.♗d1) 25.♖c3± Δ Rhc1

13.♖d1

13.b4 a5 14.♗e2 axb4 15.axb4 ♖xa1+ 16.♕xa1 d5⇄

13...♘e8

13...d5!? 14.cxd5 exd5 15.exd5 ♖e8 16.♗b5 (16.♘f4 g5!? 17.♘e2 ♗b7 18.d6 ♕c2 19.♕d2 ♕g6=∞) 16...♘xd5! 17.♕xd5 ♖xe3+ 18.♔f2 ♖e5 19.♕c6!? (19.♕xa8 ♕c2+ 20.♔g3 ♕g6+=) 19...♖c5! 20.♕xa8 (20.♕xc7 ♖xc7 21.♘f4 ♘f8 22.♖c1 ♖xc1 23.♖xc1 ♘e6 24.♘e2 ♔f8 (24...♗b7 25.♗c4±) 25.♗c6 ♖b8=) 20...♖xb5 21.♖he1 ♘f8!=∞ 22.♖c1 ♖c5! 23.♖xc5 ♕xc5+ 24.♔g3 ♕c7+=

14.♗e2± a5 15.b3!?

15.♘f2 a4 16.O-O ♘c5 17.♕d2 e5 18.♘d3 ♘b3 19.♕b4 ♘c5 20.♘c1 ♗d7 21.♘a2± Δ Nc315.b4 axb4 16.axb4 ♖a4 17.♕b2 ♕a7 (17...♘ef6 18.O-O ♘e5 19.♗d4! ♘xc4 20.♗xc4 ♕xc4 21.♗xf6 ♖xb4 22.♕d2 gxf6 23.♕xh6 ♕c5+ 24.♔h1 ♗a6 25.♖fe1 ♖b2 (25...♖d4 26.♖xd4 ♕xd4 27.e5! dxe5 28.♖e4+-) 26.♕xf6 ♕e5 27.♕h4± Δ ♘f2) 18.♔f2 ♖a2 19.♕c3 ♗b7 (19...♖a3 20.♖a1!±) 20.♖he1 (20.♖a1 ♗xe4!⇄) 20...♘ef6 21.♔g1 ♖a3 22.♕d2 ♖a8 23.♘f2±

15...e5 16.♕b2 ♘c5 17.♘f2 a4 18.b4 ♘b3 19.♘d3

19.O-O ♗e6 20.♘h1!? f5!? (20...♗xc4 21.♗xc4 ♕xc4 22.♘g3 Δ ♘f5) 21.exf5 ♗xc4 22.♗xc4+ ♕xc4 23.♗xb6 ♖a6 24.♕f2 (24.♗f2 ♘c7 25.♘g3 ♘b5⇄) 24...♕c6 25.♗e3 ♘c7 26.♕g3± Δ♖xf5 27.♗xh6 ♖f7 28.♘f2 ♘b5 29.♗e3 ♘xa3 30.♘g4↑

19...♗e6⇄ 20.♘c1 ♗xc4 21.♘xb3 ♗xb3

21...axb3 22.♗xb6 ♕xb6 23.♗xc4 ♕e3+ 24.♔f1 ♘f6 25.♖d3±21...♗xe2 22.♔xe2 axb3 23.♕xb3 ♘f6 24.♖he1 ♖fd8 25.♔f1 b5=

22.♖c1 ♕d8

⌓22...♕b7 23.♗b5 (23.b5 ♘f6 24.♖c6 ♖ac8 25.♖xd6 ♘xe4!⇄) 23...♖c8 24.♖xc8 ♕xc8 25.O-O (25.♗xb6 ♕b7 26.♕f2 ♘c7 27.♗d3 ♘e6 28.♗e3 d5⇄) 25...♘c7 26.♗d3 (26.♗c6 b5⇄ Δ ♕e6) 26...♕b7 (26...♘e6!? 27.♗xb6 ♘f4 28.♗b1 ♕a6⇄) 27.♖c1 ♘e6 28.♕c3 ♕b8 29.♕c6 ♘d4=

23.O-O ♘f6 24.♗b5!?

24.♖c6±

24...♖b8

24...d5!? 25.♕xe5 (25.♗c6 d4 26.♗xa8 ♕xa8 27.♗f2 ♕b7⇄) 25...dxe4 26.♕b2 (26.♗c6 ♖c8 27.h3 ♘d5 28.♗d4 f6 29.♕xe4 ♘xb4=) (26.♗d4!? ♖a7 27.♗b2 ♖e7 28.♕g3 ♕b8 29.f4 ♔h7 30.♖c6=∞) 26...♖c8!? (26...exf3 27.♖xf3 ♘g4 28.♗f4±) 27.♖xc8 ♕xc8 28.♗xh6 (28.fxe4 ♘xe4 29.♕e5 ♘g5∞) 28...♕e6 29.♗g5 (29.fxe4 ♖c8 (29...♖d8?! 30.♗g5) 30.♕d4 ♗c4! (30...♕xe4 31.♕xe4 ♘xe4 32.♗f4±) 31.♗xc4 ♖xc4 32.♕d8+ ♔h7 33.♗e3 b5=) 29...♘e8 30.♗f4 (30.fxe4 ♘d6) 30...♘d6 31.♗xd6 ♕xd6 32.fxe4 ♖c8=∞

25.♖c6 d5?!

25...♕e7 26.♖fc1 (26.♗xb6 ♘d7 27.♖c7 ♖xb6 28.♗xd7 ♖d8 29.♕f2 ♖a6=) 26...d5 27.♖c7 ♕d8 (27...♕d6?! 28.♖1c6 ♕d8 29.♗xh6±) 28.♕xe5 dxe4 29.fxe4 ♘g4 30.♕f4 ♘xe3 31.♕xe3 ♕d6 (31...♕h4 32.h3 ♖bd8 33.♗d7±) 32.e5 ♕d5 (32...♕e6 33.h3) 33.♗c6 (33.♗f1 ♖fe8) 33...♕e6 34.h3 ♖fd8 35.♖f1 ♕g6 36.♗d7! ♗d5 37.♖f2±

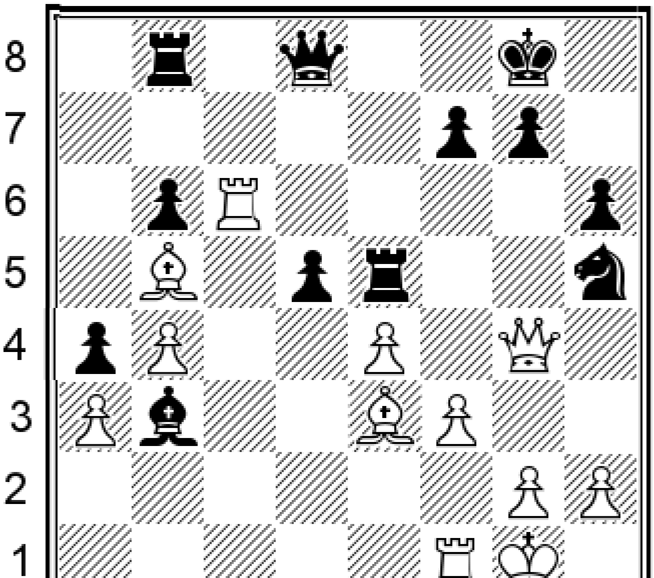
26.♕xe5 ♖e8 27.♕g3!?

27.♕d4 ♖e6 28.♖xe6 fxe6 29.e5 ♘d7 30.♕g4 ♘xe5 31.♕xe6+ ♘f7 32.♗f4 ♖c8 33.♖e1±

27...♘h5

27...♗c4 28.♗xc4 dxc4 29.♖d6 ♕e7 30.♖xb6 ♖xb6 31.♗xb6 ♕e6 (31...♖c8 32.♗c5±) 32.♗d4±27...dxe4 28.♖d6 ♕e7 29.♗xe8 ♖xe8 30.♖xb6 exf3 31.♗c5 ♕e2 32.♕xf3 ♕c2 (32...♕b2 33.♖d6! ♘e4 34.♗d4+-) 33.♖xf6 gxf6 34.♗d4 ♕g6 35.h4! ♗c4 36.h5±

28.♕g4 ♖e5



29.♖fc1

29.♗xb6! ♕g5 30.♕xg5 ♖xg5 31.♗a6!± Δdxe4 32.fxe4 ♘f6 33.♗e3+-

29...d4?!

29...dxe4 30.♖c8 ♘f6 31.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 32.♕f4 ♖xb5 33.fxe4 ♖e8

30.♖c8 dxe3 31.♖xb8 ♕xb8 32.♖c8+ ♕xc8 33.♕xc8+ ♔h7 34.♗d3

34.♕c6! ♖e6 (34...♘f4 35.♕xb6 e2 36.♔f2 ♗d1 37.♗xe2 ♗xe2 38.♕e3+-) 35.♕c7 ♘f6 36.♕f4+-

34...♘f4 35.♕c3 ♖e7 36.g3

36.♗b5 e2 37.♕e3

36...♖c7!? 37.e5+

37.♕xc7? ♘xd3 38.♔f1 ♗d1!-+

37...♘xd3 38.♕xd3+ g6 39.♕xe3 b5 40.♕b6?!

40.g4! ♖c2 41.♕b6±

40...♖c1+ 41.♔f2

41.♔g2 ♖c2+ 42.♔h3 ♗c4⇄

41...♖c2+ 42.♔e3 ♗c4 43.♔d4?!

43.h4⩲

43...♖d2+ 44.♔c5

44.♔e4 ♖e2+ 45.♔f4 g5+ 46.♔f5 ♔g7! 47.♕f6+ ♔h7=

44...♖d5+ 45.♔c6 ♖xe5 46.♔d7 h5 47.f4 ♖e6 48.♕c5 ♔g8 49.f5 ♖f6 50.fxg6 fxg6= 51.♕g5 ♖f7+ 52.♔d6 ♔g7 53.g4 hxg4 54.♕xg4 ♖f6+ 55.♔e7 1/2-1/2

185. [E35]
Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2642) - Yu, Yangyi (2747)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4 c5 8.dxc5 g5 9.♗g3 ♘e4 10.e3 ♕a5 11.♗e5 O-O 12.♗d3 ♘c6 13.♗xe4 ♘xe5 14.♗xd5 ♗f5

14...♗g4 - 59/(593)

15.♕xf5N

15.e4

15...♗xc3+ 16.♔f1 ♖fd8

16...♗xb2 17.♖d1 ♖fd8 18.♕c2 ♕b5+ 19.♘e2 ♖ac8 20.♕b3 ♕xb3 21.♗xb3 ♖xd1+ 22.♗xd1 ♖d8 23.♗b3 ♘d3 24.c6 bxc6 25.g4=

17.♖d1

17.♗xf7+ ♘xf7 18.bxc3 ♕xc3 19.♖e1 ♕c4+ 20.♘e2 ♖d2=∞

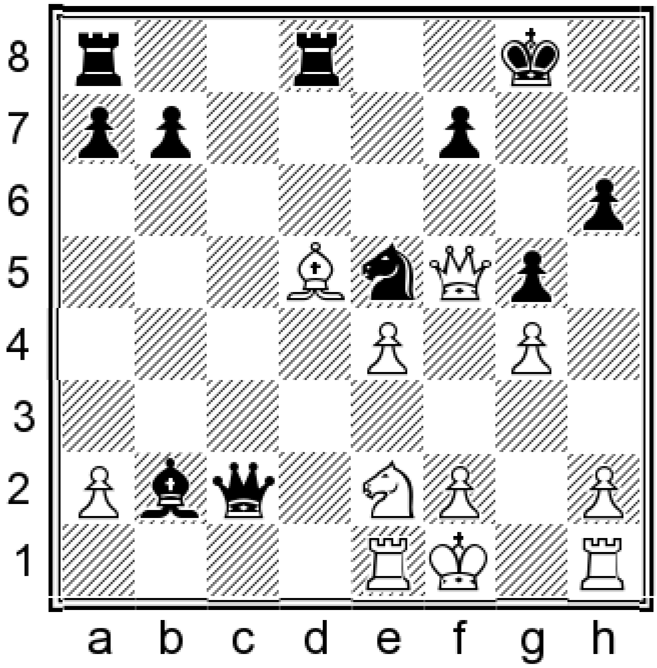
17...♕xc5 18.e4

18.♗xf7+ ♔g7 19.♖xd8 ♖xd8 20.bxc3 ♖d1+ 21.♔e2 ♖c1 22.c4 ♖xc4 (22...♕a5 23.♘f3 ♕xa2+ 24.♘d2 ♖xh1 25.♕xe5+ ♔xf7 26.♕d5+ ♔g6 27.♕xb7⩲) 23.♗xc4 ♕xc4+ 24.♔d1 ♕d5+ 25.♔c2 ♕c4+=

18...♕c4+ 19.♘e2 ♗xb2 20.g4?

20.♕h3! ♔g7 21.♕b3 ♕xb3 22.axb3=

20...♕c2 21.♖e1



21...♖xd5! 22.exd5 ♘d3 23.♔g2 ♘xe1+ 24.♖xe1 ♕d2 25.♔f1 ♖e8∓ 26.♕d7 ♔f8 27.♕b5 ♗a3 28.♕c4 ♖e5 29.♕d4 ♕xd4 30.♘xd4 ♖xd5 31.♘f5 h5 32.♘e3 ♖e5

32...♖d2!? 33.gxh5 ♖xa2 34.♔g2 ♗c5∓

33.gxh5 ♗c5 34.♖c1 ♗xe3 35.fxe3 ♖xe3 36.♖c8+ ♔g7 37.♖c7 ♖h3?

37...♖a3! 38.♖xb7 ♖xa2 39.h6+ ♔xh6 40.♖xf7 a5 41.♖a7 g4-+

38.♔g2 ♖xh5 39.♖xb7 a6 40.♖c7 ♖h4 41.♖c5 ♖a4 42.♖xg5+ ♔h6 43.♖f5 ♖xa2+ 44.♔g3 ♔g6 45.♖c5 a5 46.h4 ♖a1 47.h5+ ♔g7 48.♖f5 a4 49.h6+ ♔xh6 50.♖xf7 ♔g6 51.♖f8 ♔g5 52.♖f3 ♖e1 53.♔f2 ♖e4 54.♖c3 ♔f5 55.♖c5+ ♔e6 56.♖a5 ♔d6 57.♔f3 ♖h4 58.♔e3 ♔c6 59.♔d3 ♔b6 60.♖a8 ♔b5 1/2-1/2

186. [E39]
Navara, David (2730) - Caruana, Fabiano (2787)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.♘f3 c5 6.dxc5 ♘a6 7.g3 ♘xc5 8.♗g2 ♘ce4 9.O-O ♘xc3 10.bxc3 ♗e7 11.e4 d6 12.e5 dxe5 13.♘xe5 ♕c7 14.♕e2 ♘d7 15.♗f4 ♘xe5 16.♗xe5 ♗d6 17.♖fe1 ♖b8

17...♗xe5 - 120/187

18.♖ad1 ♗xe5 19.♕xe5 ♕xe5 20.♖xe5 b6 21.c5 f6 22.cxb6 axb6 23.♖e2N

23.♖e423.♖e3

23...♔f7 24.f4 e5!

24...♖e8 25.♖b2±

25.fxe5?

25.♗d5+ ♔g6 26.♗e4+ f5!? 27.♖d6+ ♖f6 28.♖xf6+ ♔xf6 29.fxe5+ ♔e6 30.♗c2 ♗b7 31.♗b3+ (31.♖d2 ♗e4 32.♗xe4 fxe4 33.♖b2 ♔xe5 34.♔f2 ♔d5=) 31...♗d5 32.♗xd5+ ♔xd5 33.e6 ♖e8 34.e7 ♔d6 35.♖b2 ♔c5 36.♖e2 ♔d6=

25...♗g4 26.e6+ ♔g6 27.♗e4+ f5?

27...♔h6 28.♔f2 ♗xe2 29.♔xe2 ♖bc8 30.♖d6 ♖xc3 31.♖xb6 ♖e8∓

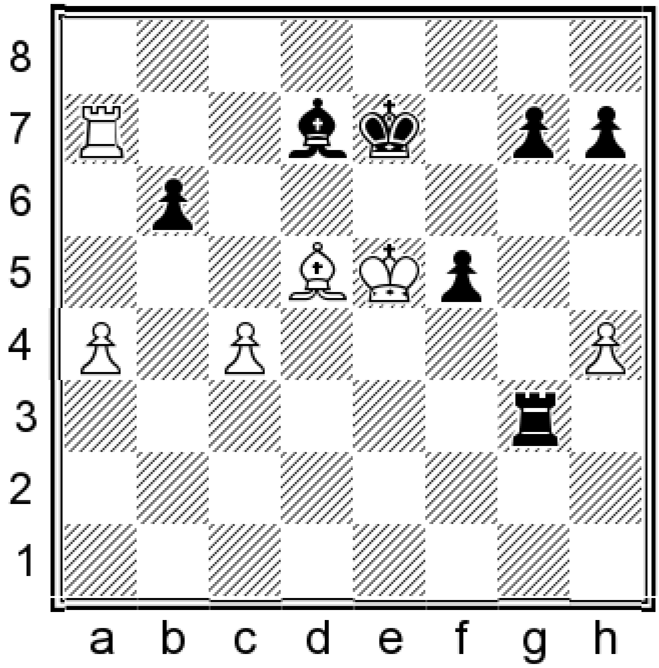
28.e7 ♗xe2 29.♖d6+ ♔g5 30.exf8=R ♖xf8 31.♗d5 ♖f6 32.♖d7 ♔h6 33.♔f2 ♗b5 34.♖c7± ♖d6 35.c4 ♗e8

35...♗d7 36.♔e3 ♔g6 37.♔d4±

36.♖c8 ♗d7 37.♖d8 ♔g6

37...b5 38.a4 bxa4 39.♗f7 ♖d2+ 40.♔e3 ♖d1 41.c5 ♖e1+ 42.♔d2 ♖e7 43.♗d5 ♗e8±

38.♔e3 ♔f6 39.♔d4 ♔e7 40.♖g8 ♖g6 41.♔e5± ♖g5 42.♖b8 ♖g6 43.♖h8 ♖h6 44.h4 ♗e6 45.♖a8 ♗d7 46.♖h8 ♗e6 47.a4 ♗d7 48.♖a8 ♖g6 49.♖a7 ♖xg3



49...♔d8 50.h5! ♖h6 (50...♖xg3 51.♔d6 ♗c8 52.♖f7 ♔e8 (52...♖e3 53.♖xg7 h6 54.♖h7+-) 53.♔c7 ♗a6 54.♔xb6 ♗c8 55.a5+-) 51.♗f3 g5 52.hxg6 ♖xg6 53.♔f4±

50.a5!+- bxa5 51.c5 ♔d8 52.h5 f4 53.♔d6 ♗c8 54.c6 ♖g5 55.♗f7 1-0

187. [E41]
L'Ami, Erwin (2627) - Antipov, Mikhail Al (2567)
Wijk aan Zee II 2016 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗xc3 8.bxc3 d6 9.e4 e5 10.d5 ♘e7 11.♘h4 ♘g6 12.♘f5 ♘f4

12...♖e8 - 61/585

13.♗c2 g6 14.♘e3 ♘4h5 15.f3N

15.♖b1

15...♘e8 16.g3 ♘eg7 17.♖f2 ♗h3 18.♖b1 b6 19.♘g2 f5 20.♗h6

20.exf5 ♗xf5 (20...gxf5 21.♕d3! ♕e7 22.♗d2) 21.♗xf5 (21.♗d2 ♗xc2 22.♕xc2 ♕d7=) 21...gxf5 22.f4 ♘f6 23.fxe5 dxe5 24.♗g5 ♕d6 25.♗xf6 ♖xf6 26.♕d2 ♖af8 27.♖bf1∞

20...♕f6 21.exf5 gxf5 22.♕d2?

22.♗d2

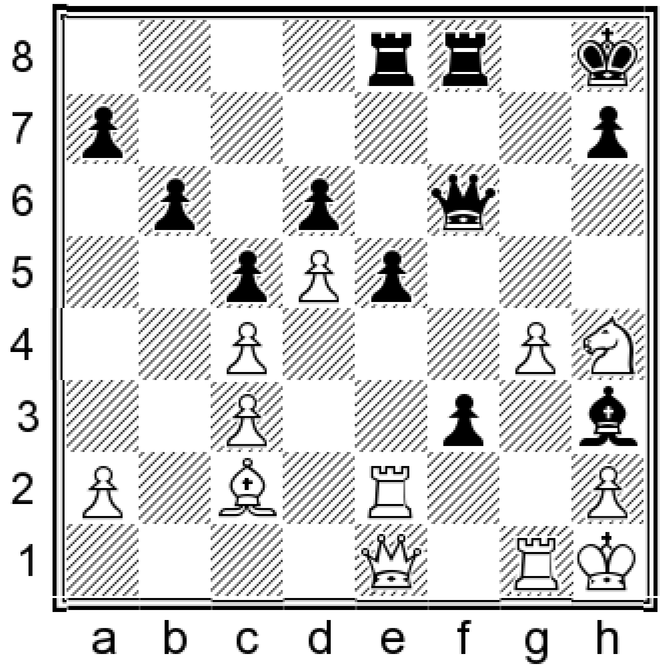
22...f4! 23.♗xg7 ♕xg7 24.g4 ♘f6 25.♔h1

25.♘h4 ♕g5 26.♘f5 h5∓

25...♕g5 26.♖g1 ♔h8∓ 27.♕e1 ♖ae8 28.♖e2 ♘xg4?!

28...♖g8∓

29.♘h4 ♕f6 30.fxg4 f3



31.g5?

31.♗f5! fxe2 32.g5 ♕e7 33.♗xh3 ♖f4 34.♘f5 ♕d7 35.g6 ♖xf5 36.♖g5 ♖f1+ 37.♗xf1 exf1=Q+ 38.♕xf1 ♕g7 39.♕f5 h6 40.♖h5 e4 41.♕f7 ♖f8 42.♕e6 e3 43.♕xe3 ♖f1+ 44.♔g2 ♕xg6+ 45.♔xf1 ♕xh5=

31...♕f4 32.g6 ♖f6 33.g7+ ♔g8 34.♖f2 ♕xh4 35.♖xf3 ♕xe1 36.♗xh7+!? ♔f7!

36...♔xh7 37.♖xh3+ ♖h6 38.♖xh6+ ♔xh6 39.♖xe1 ♔xg7∓

37.♖xf6+ ♔xf6 38.♖xe1 ♔xg7 39.♗d3 ♔f6∓ 40.♖g1?

40.♖e3 ♗g4 41.♔g2 ♔g5∓

40...e4 41.♗e2 ♔f5-+ 42.♖g3 ♖h8 43.♔g1 ♔f4 44.♔f2 ♖h6 45.♔g1 a6 46.a3 ♗d7 47.♔g2 ♗a4 48.h3 ♗d7 49.♗f1 b5! 50.cxb5 axb5 51.♔f2 c4 52.♗g2 ♗f5 53.♖e3 ♖g6 54.♗f1 ♖g8 0-1

188. [E42]
Tomashevsky, Evgeny (2728) - Caruana, Fabiano (2787)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 b6 5.♘e2 c5 6.a3 ♗a5 7.♖b1 ♘a6 8.♘g3 ♗b7 9.f3

9.♗d3 - 99/383

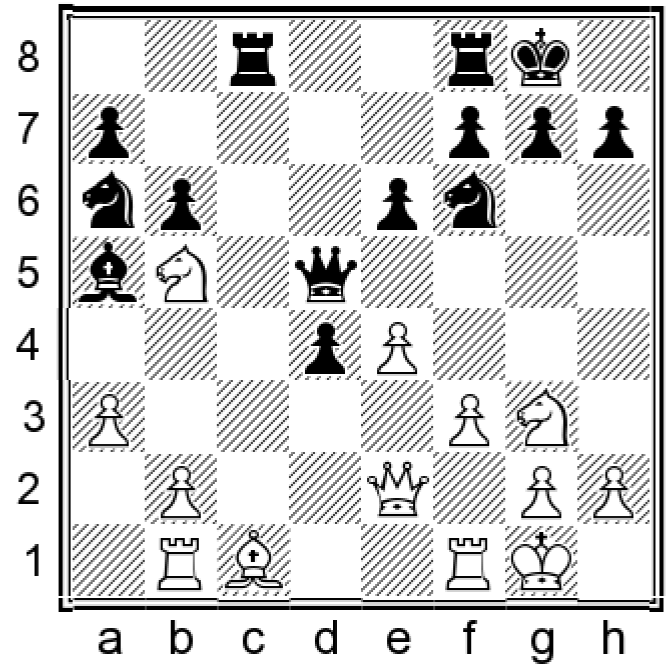
9...O-O 10.♗d3 d5 11.O-O cxd4 12.♘b5 dxc4 13.♗xc4 ♖c8 14.♕e2!?N

14.♗d3

14...♗d5

14...♘c5 15.♘xd4 b5 16.♗xb5 a6 17.♗c4 ♗b6 18.♖d1 ♕c7 19.♗d2±

15.♗xd5 ♕xd5 16.e4



16.exd4!?±

16...♕a2?

16...d3!? 17.exd5 dxe2 18.♘xe2 ♘xd5 19.♘xa7 ♖c4 20.♘b5±

17.♗g5+- ♖c4 18.♖bd1

18.♗xf6!? gxf6 19.♕f2 (Δ ♘h5) 19...♖c5 20.♘xd4+-

18...d3 19.♕xd3 ♖c5 20.♗e3?!

20.♗xf6 gxf6 21.♕e2+-

20...♕xb2 21.♗xc5 ♘xc5 22.♕e2 ♕xe2 23.♘xe2 a6 24.♘d6 b5 25.♘d4± ♗b6 26.♔h1 g5 27.♘c6 ♔g7 28.g3 h5 29.♖fe1 ♘a4 30.♖d3 ♘c5 31.♖d2 ♘b3 32.♖c2 ♘c5 33.♔g2 ♘a4

33...g4!? 34.f4 h4±

34.♖d1 g4 35.♖d3 ♘c5 36.♖d1 ♘a4 37.h3!? gxf3+?!

37...♗c5 38.♖d3 ♗xd6 39.♖xd6 ♖c8 40.♖dd2 ♖c7±

38.♔xf3+- ♘h7 39.e5 ♗c5 40.♖d3 f6 41.♔g2 ♗b6 42.exf6+ ♘xf6 43.♘d4 ♗xd4 44.♖xd4 ♘d5 45.♖e4 ♖d8 46.♘b7

♖d7 47.♘a5 ♖d6 48.♖c6 ♖xc6 49.♘xc6 ♘c5 50.♖e5 ♘d3 51.♖g5+ ♔h6 52.♖g8 ♘e3+ 53.♔f3 ♘c4 54.♘b4 ♘de5+ 55.♔e2 a5 56.♘c2 ♘d7 57.♖c8 ♔g6 58.♖c7 ♘f6 59.♖c6 ♔f7 60.a4 ♘d5 61.axb5 ♘e5 62.♖a6 ♘c3+ 63.♔f1 1-0

189. [E49]
Jakovenko, Dmitrij (2732) - Maze, Sebastien (2591)
Gibraltar 2016 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.a3 ♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.♘e2 b6 10.O-O ♗a6 11.f3 ♖e8 12.♘g3 ♗xd3 13.♕xd3 ♘c6 14.♗b2 h5

14...♖c8 - 89/463

15.♖ae1 cxd4 16.cxd4 g6 17.♘h1N

17.e4

17...♕d7

17...♖c8!? 18.♘f2 ♘a5 19.e4 ♘c4 20.♗c1 ♘h7∞

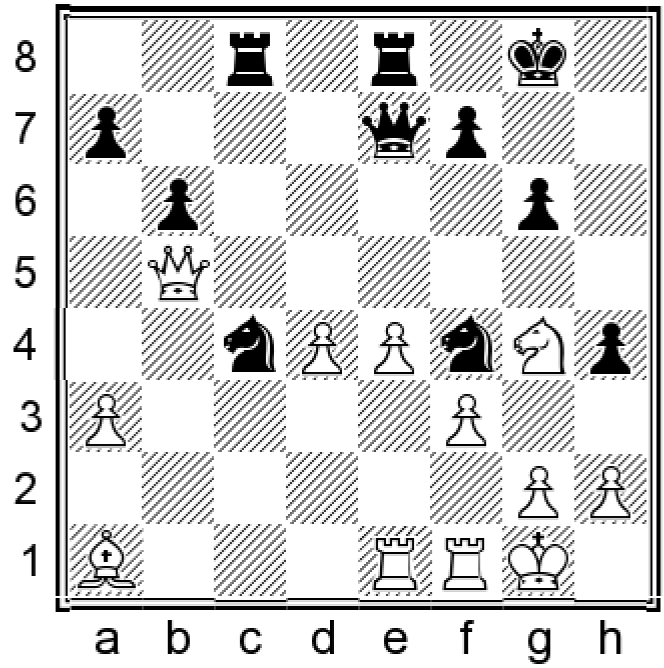
18.e4 h4 19.♘f2 ♘h5 20.♕d2?!

20.♘g4

20...♘a5 21.♘g4 ♘c4 22.♕c1 ♖ac8 23.♗a1 ♕d6 24.♕g5 ♕e7! 25.♕xd5

25.♕xe7 ♖xe7 26.exd5 ♖xe1 27.♖xe1 ♘f4 28.d6 ♘xd6 29.♘f6+ ♔f8 30.d5=

25...♘f4 26.♕b5



26.♘h6+ ♔g7 27.♘f5+ gxf5 28.♕xf5 ♕f6 29.d5 ♘e5∓

26...♘xa3

26...f5! 27.♘h6+ (27.♘e3 ♘xe3 28.♖xe3 ♕g5-+) 27...♔g7 28.♘xf5+ gxf5 29.♕xf5 ♖f8 30.♕g4+ ♔h6∓

27.♕a4 ♘c2 28.♖d1

28.d5!?

28...♘xa1 29.♖xa1 a5 30.♕a2 ♖ed8 31.♖ad1 ♖c3 32.g3?!

32.♔h1

32...hxg3 33.hxg3 ♘e6?!

33...♖dc8 34.♖d2 ♘h5 35.♔g2 ♕c7 36.e5 ♖c2 37.♖xc2 ♕xc2+ 38.♖f2 ♕xa2 39.♖xa2 ♖d8=33...♘h5 34.e5 ♘xg3 35.♘f6+ ♔g7 36.♕h2 ♘h5 37.♘xh5+ gxh5 38.♔h1=

34.♕f2??

34.d5 ♘g5 (34...♕c5+ 35.♔h1 ♖c2 36.♕a1 ♘g7 37.♘f6+ ♔f8 38.♖c1 ♖xc1 39.♖xc1 ♕e3 40.♖c3±) 35.♔g2 ♘xe4 36.♕e2 f5 37.fxe4 fxg4 38.♖f4±

34...♘g5-+ 35.♕g2?!

35.♕e2

35...♔g7 36.♖f2 ♖h8 37.♔f1 ♕c7

37...♕a3!37...♕b4!

38.f4

38.♘e5

38...♕c4+ 39.♖e2 ♖f3+ 40.♘f2 ♕b3 0-1

E50-E99

190. [E54]
Tomashevsky, Evgeny (2728) - Hou, Yifan (2673)
Wijk aan Zee 2016 [Paunovic, Dragan]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.♘f3 c5 7.O-O cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.♗xc4 b6 10.♗g5 ♗b7 11.♕e2 ♗xc3 12.bxc3 ♘bd7 13.♘d2

13.♖ac1 - 118/186

13...♕c7 14.♖ac1 ♘d5

14...♖fe814...♖ac8

15.f3N

15.♗b515.♗xd515.♖fe1

15...e5!?

15...♘7f6 16.♖fe1 ♖ac8=

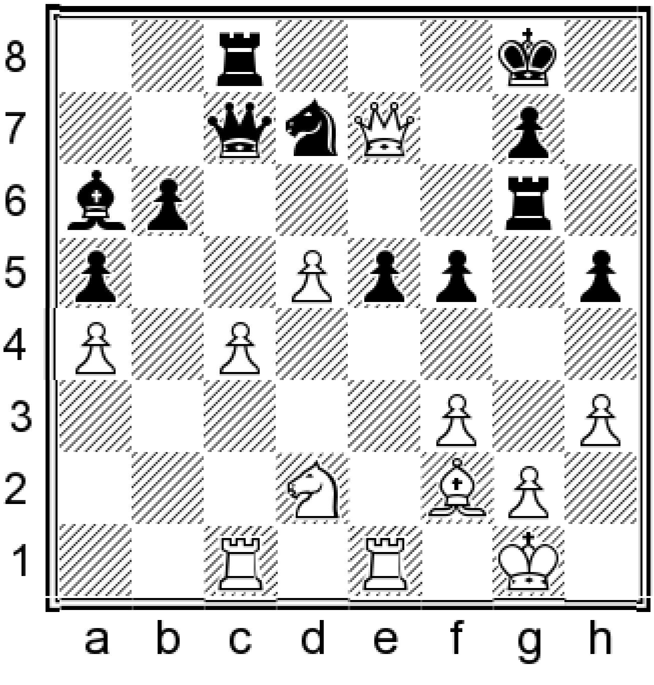
16.♖fe1 ♖ae8 17.♗xd5

17.♕d3!? h6 18.♗h4∞

17...♗xd5 18.c4 ♗b7

18...♗e6!? 19.d5 ♗f5 20.♗e3 ♖c8=

19.d5 f5 20.♗e3 ♖c8 21.a4± a5 22.♕d3 ♖f6 23.♕a3 ♗a6 24.♗f2 ♖h6 25.h3 ♖g6 26.♕e7!? h5



27.h4

27.♕h4! ♖h6 28.♕g5 ♖f8 29.f4 e4 30.♗d4 ♘c5 31.♖c3±

27...♕d8 28.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 29.♔h2 ♔f7 30.♖c3 ♖e8 31.♗g3 ♘c5?!

31...♖f6±

32.♖xe5 ♖xe5 33.♗xe5 ♘xa4 34.♖a3 ♘c5 35.♗d4± ♘d7 36.♔g1 ♖h6 37.♔f2 ♖h8 38.♖e3?!

38.♔e3 ♖e8+ 39.♔d3±

38...♖c8 39.d6

39.g4!? Δfxg4 40.♘e4

39...♖e8 40.♖xe8 ♔xe8 41.♗xg7 ♔f7 42.♗b2 f4!= 43.♔e2 b5 44.cxb5 ♗xb5+ 45.♔d1 ♔e6 46.♘e4 ♘b6 47.♗c1 1/2-1/2

191. [E61]
Ni, Hua (2693) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2644)
Doha 2015 [Arsovic, Zoran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.e3 O-O 5.♗e2 d6 6.O-O ♘bd7 7.♘c3 e5 8.♕c2 ♖e8 9.♖e1 exd4N

9...e4 10.♘d2 ♕e7 11.b4 (11.f3 exf3 12.♘xf3 c5⇄) 11...c6 12.b5 c5∞9...c6 - 126/188

10.exd4

10.♘xd4 a5 11.b3 ♘c5=

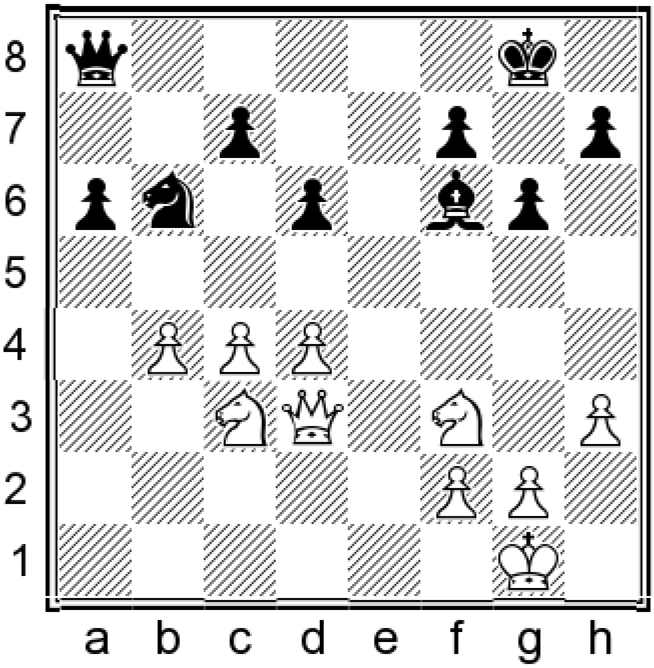
10...♘b6 11.♗f4 ♗f5 12.♗d3 ♗xd3 13.♕xd3⩲ ♕d7 14.b3 ♖xe1+ 15.♖xe1 ♖e8 16.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 17.h3 a6 18.a4 ♘bd7 19.a5 ♕d8 20.b4 b6?!

20...♘f8 21.♗e3 h6 22.b5⩲

21.axb6 ♘xb6 22.♗g5 ♕a8

22...h6 23.♗xf6 ♕xf6 (23...♗xf6 24.c5 dxc5 25.bxc5 ♘d7 (25...♘d5?! 26.♘xd5 ♕xd5 27.♕xa6±) 26.♕c4⩲) 24.c5 dxc5 25.bxc5 ♘d7 26.♘d5 ♕d8 27.♕c4⩲

23.♗xf6 ♗xf6



24.c5! ♘d7

24...♘d5 25.♕e4 c6 26.♘xd5 cxd5 27.♕f4±

25.♕c4 dxc5 26.bxc5 a5 27.♘d2

27.♘d5 ♕c6 28.♕a2 a4 29.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 30.♘e5 ♕e8 31.c6±

27...♗g7 28.♘de4 ♘f6?!

28...h6 29.d5 (29.♘d5 ♕d8 30.c6 ♘f6=) 29...♕e8! 30.♘b5 (30.g3 ♗xc3 31.♘xc3 ♕e1+ 32.♔g2 ♕e5∞) 30...♕e5 31.g3 ♕b2 32.♔f1 a4 33.♕xa4 f5 34.♘ec3 ♘xc5 35.♕c4 ♘b3 36.♕xc7 ♘d2+ 37.♔g2 ♕a1 38.♔h2 ♘f3+ 39.♔g2 ♘e1+ 40.♔h2=

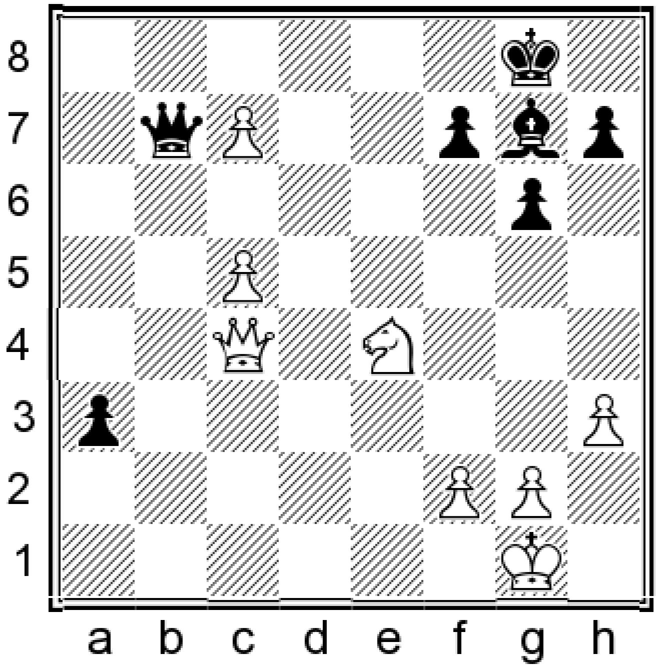
29.d5 ♘xe4 30.♘xe4 a4?

30...h6 31.d6 ♕c6 32.dxc7 ♗e5 33.c8=Q+ ♕xc8 34.f4! ♗c7 35.♘f6+ ♔f8 36.♘d5±

31.d6!+- a3

31...h6 32.d7 a3 33.♕a2+-

32.dxc7 ♕b7



33.♕d5! a2

33...♕xd5 34.c8=Q+ ♗f8 35.♘f6++-33...♕xc7 34.♕a8+! ♗f8 35.♘f6+ ♔g7 36.♘e8++-

34.♕xb7 1-0

192.* [E63]
Carlsen, Magnus (2834) - Yuffa, Daniil (2504)
Doha 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.O-O d6 6.♘c3 ♘c6 7.d4 ♗f5 8.♗g5

8.♘e1 - 121/(189)

8...♘e4

8...h6 9.♗e3 ♕d7 10.d5 ♘a5 11.b3 c5N (11...c6) 12.♗d2 b6 13.♕c1 ♔h7 14.♖e1 ♘e4 15.♘xe4 ♗xe4 16.♗c3 ♗xc3 17.♕xc3± Bukavshin, I (2622) -Vocaturo, D (2579) Jerusalem 127/(192) 2015

9.♘xe4 ♗xe4 10.d5 ♗xf3 11.exf3

11.♗xf3?! ♘e5 12.♖c1 ♘xf3+ 13.exf3 c5 14.♖e1 ♖e8 15.♕d2 a6∞

11...♘d4 12.♖e1 ♖e8 13.♖e4

13.♗d2 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6=13.♗e3 ♘f5 14.♗h3 ♘xe3 15.♖xe3 c5 16.♕c2 ♖b8=

13...c5 14.dxc6 ♘xc6 15.h4N

15.♕d2 ♕b6 16.♖b1 a5 17.b3 ♕b4 18.♕c1±

15...♕b6

⌓15...♗xb2 16.♖b1 ♗g7 17.♖xb7 ♖b8 18.♖xb8 (18.♖b3 ♕c7∞) 18...♕xb8 19.h5 e6∞

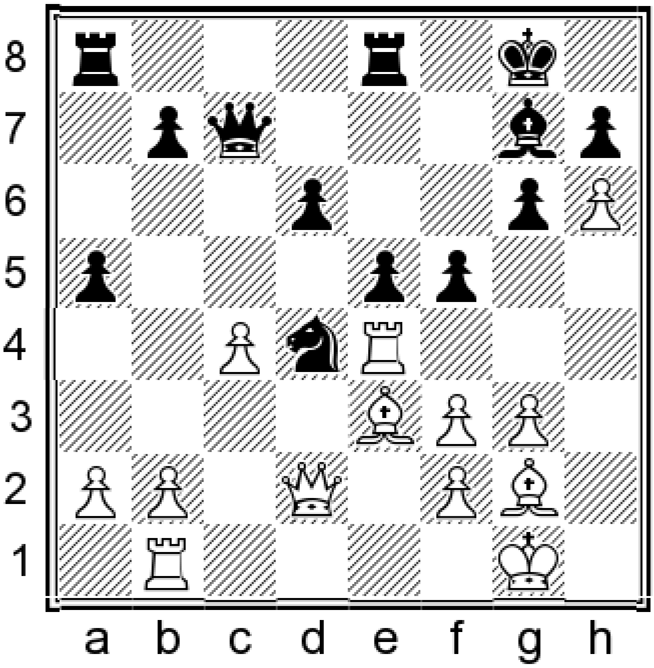
16.♖b1 a5 17.♗e3 ♕c7 18.h5↑ e5?!

18...e6 19.b3 ♗f6 20.♗f4 ♖ed8 21.♕d2±

19.♕d2 ♘d4?!

19...♘e7 20.b3 ♘f5 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.f4±

20.h6 f5



20...♗h8 21.♗xd4 exd4 22.♖xd4! ♗xd4 23.♕xd4 f6 24.♕xf6±

21.♖xd4! exd4 22.♗xd4 ♗f8

22...♗xd4 23.♕xd4 f4 24.♕xf4 ♕e7 25.♕d2±

23.♗c3! ♕xc4

23...♕c5 24.f4 ♖e4 (24...♗xh6 25.♗xb7 ♖ad8 26.♗d5+ ♔f8 27.♗xa5+-) 25.b3 ♗xh6 26.♗xe4 fxe4 27.♖e1 ♖e8 28.♗xa5+-

24.f4+- ♖e4 25.b3 ♕c5 26.♗a1! d5 27.♖c1

27.♖c1 ♕d6 28.♗xe4 dxe4 29.♕c3 ♔f7 30.♕h8+-1-0

193. !N [E65]
Szuhanek, Ranko (2489) - Mrkonjic, Nenad (2380)
Bijeljina 2015 [Szuhanek, Ranko]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d6 3.♘c3 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O c5 7.d4 cxd4 8.♘xd4 a6

8...♘a6 - 62/573

9.b3 ♕c7 10.♗b2 ♘c6 11.♘c2 ♖b8 12.♖c1 ♕a5 13.♕d2!N +/=

13.♘a4

13...♕h5

13...♗d7 14.♖fd1 ♖fc8 (14...b5? 15.cxb5 axb5 16.♗xc6 ♗xc6 17.♘d5+-) 15.♘e3 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.♘cd5 ♘xd5 18.♘xd5 ♕xd2 19.♖xd2 ♔f8 (19...♗xb2?! 20.♖xc6 ♗xc6 21.♘xe7+ ♔f8 22.♘xc6 ♖b6 23.♖xb2 ♖cxc6 24.♗xc6 ♖xc6 25.♔g2±) 20.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 21.f4±

14.♘e3 ♖e8?!

14...♘g4 15.♘xg4 ♗xg4 16.♘d5 ♗xb2 17.♕xb2 ♕e5 18.♕d2 ♖fd8 19.e3±14...♘d4 15.f3! ♘c6 16.♘cd5 ♗e6 17.♖fd1↑

15.♘cd5 ♘xd5?!

15...♘g4 16.♘xg4 ♗xg4 17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.b4 h6 19.♖fe1±

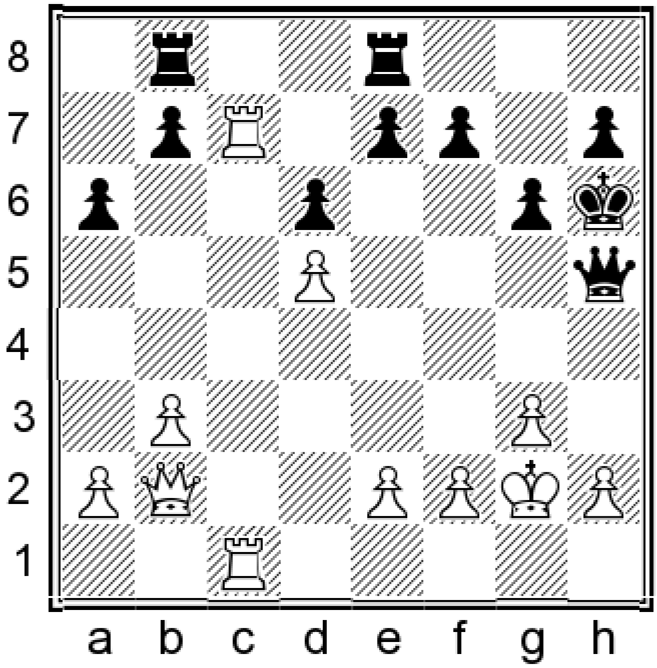
16.cxd5 ♘e5

16...♗xb2 17.♕xb2 ♘e5 18.♖c7 ♗d7 19.f4 ♘g4 20.♘xg4 ♗xg4 21.e4±

17.♖c7± ♗h3 18.♖fc1 ♗xg2 19.♔xg2 ♘g4 20.♘xg4 ♗xb2

20...♕xg4 21.♖1c4 ♕f5 22.♖f4 ♗h6 23.♕d4 ♕e5 24.♕xe5 dxe5 25.♖b4 b5 26.♗xe5 ♖bc8 27.♖a7±

21.♘h6+ ♔g7 22.♕xb2+ ♔xh6



23.e4!+- f6 24.♕d2+ ♔g7 25.♕b4 ♔f8 26.♖1c4

26.♕d4+-

26...♕e2 27.a3 b5 28.♖c2 ♕d1

28...♕d3 29.♖2c3 (29.♖7c3 a5 30.♖xd3 axb4 31.axb4 ♖b7 32.♖dc3 ♖a8 33.♖c6 ♖a3 34.♖2c3±) 29...♕b1 (29...♕d2 30.♖xe7! ♖xe7 31.♖c8+ ♖xc8 32.♕xd2 ♔f7 33.♕a5 ♖a8 34.♕b6 ♖d7 35.h4 h5 36.f4 ♔g7 37.b4 ♖aa7 38.f5 gxf5 39.exf5 ♖ac7 40.♔h3 ♖c2 41.♕e3 ♖f7 42.♕f3 ♖d2 43.♕xh5 ♖xd5 44.♕g6+ ♔f8 45.h5+-) 30.♕d4+-

29.♖2c6 ♖a8

29...a5 30.♕xa5 ♕xb3 31.♖xd6+-

30.♖xd6 a5 31.♕c5 1-0

194. [E73]
Khismatullin, Denis (2651) - Smirin, Ilia (2655)
Poikovsky 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

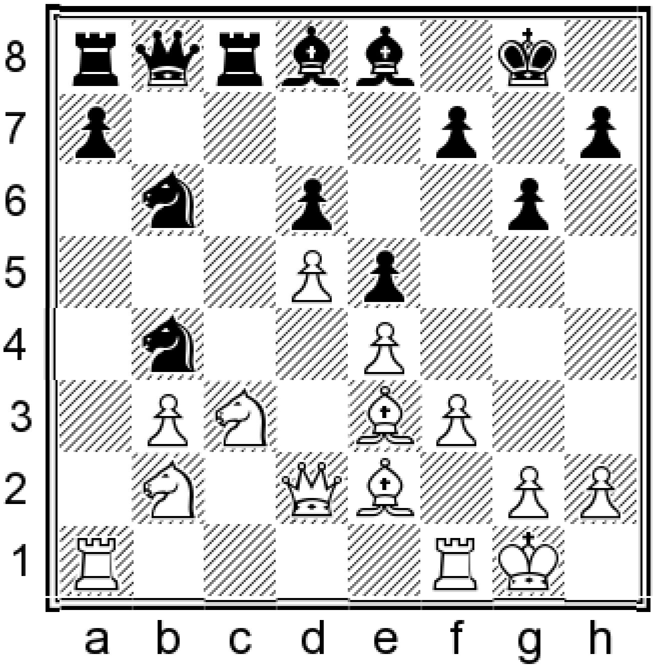
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♗g5 ♘a6 7.♕d2 e5 8.d5 c6 9.f3 cxd5 10.cxd5 ♗d7 11.♗d1

11.g4 - 77/(547)

11...b5 12.a3 b4 13.axb4 ♘xb4 14.♘ge2 ♕b8N

14...a514...♕b6

15.O-O ♖c8 16.♗e3 ♗e8 17.♘a4 ♘d7 18.♘ec3 ♗f6 19.♗e2 ♗d8 20.b3 ♘b6 21.♘b2?



21.♖fc1 ♘xa4 22.♘xa4 ♖xc1+ 23.♖xc1 ♗xa4 24.bxa4 ♗b6⇄21.♔h1 ♘xa4 (21...♗xa4 22.bxa4 ♘c4 23.♗xc4 ♖xc4 24.♖fc1 ♗b6 25.♘b5±) 22.bxa4 ♗b6 23.♗g5±

21...♖xc3! 22.♕xc3 ♘6xd5 23.exd5 ♘xd5 24.♕d2 ♘xe3∓ 25.♖fe1

25.♖fc1 ♗b6 (25...♕xb3?! 26.♘c4 ♘xc4 27.♗xc4 ♕b6+ 28.♔h1∓) 26.♔h1 ♗d4 27.♖a3 d5∓

25...♕xb3 26.♗d3 ♗b6 27.♔h1 ♖c8 28.♘d1 ♘xd1

28...♖c2 29.♗xc2 ♘xc2 30.♘f2 ♘xa1 31.♖xa1 ♕e6∓

29.♖axd1 ♗d4 30.♕e2 ♗a4

30...a5 31.♖b1 ♕e6∓

31.♖b1 ♕c3 32.♕f1 ♕d2-+ 33.♗c4

33.f4 ♕f2 34.♕xf2 ♗xf2 35.♖f1 ♗b6-+

33...♖c5 34.♗b3 ♗xb3 35.♖xb3 a5 36.f4 e4 37.♖bb1 e3

⌓37...d5 38.f5 ♔g7-+

38.♖ed1 ♕c3 39.♖d3 ♕c4 40.♖bd1

40.♕d1 ♖d5 41.♖c1 ♕b4-+

40...♖c8 41.f5

41.♖xd4 e2 42.♖xc4 exf1=Q+ 43.♖xf1 ♖xc4-+

41...♗c5 42.♕f3 ♖e8 43.f6 ♕xd3!

43...♕xd3 44.♖xd3 e2 45.♖d1 e1=Q+-+0-1

195.* [E82]
Fedoseev, Vladimir (2664) - Kokarev, Dmitry (2611)
Khanty-Mansiysk (m/3-rapid) 2015 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♗e3 c5 7.♘ge2 b6 8.♕d2 ♗a6

8...♘c6 - 74/582

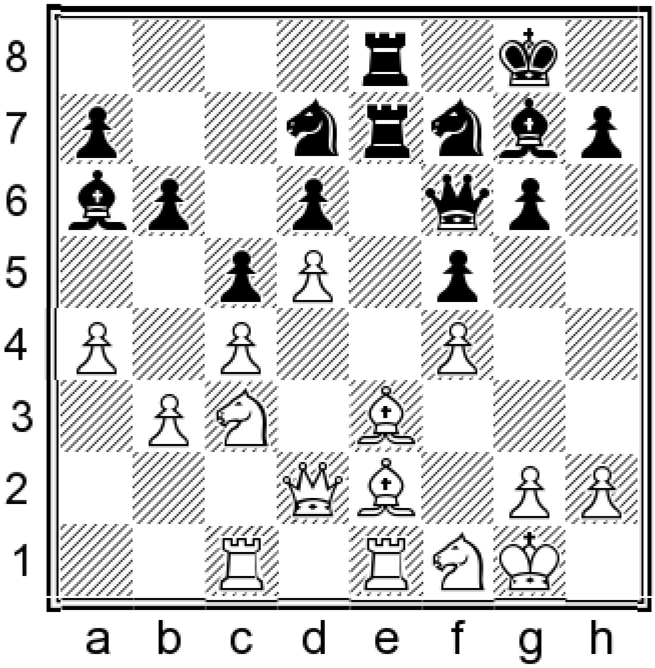
9.b3 e6 10.♖d1 ♘c6 11.d5 exd5 12.exd5 ♘e5N

12...♘e7

13.♘g3 ♘fd7 14.♗e2 f5 15.O-O ♘f7N

15...♕h4 - 127/(195) 16.f4 ♘f7 17.♗f3 ♖fe8 18.♖fe1 ♘h6 19.♔h1 ♘f8 20.♖c1 ♖e7 21.♗f2 ♖xe1+ 22.♖xe1 ♕f6 23.♖e3± Fedoseev, V (2664) -Kokarev, D (2611) Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 127/(195) 2015

16.♖fe1 ♖e8 17.♘f1 ♕f6⇄ 18.♖c1 ♖e7 19.a4 ♖ae8 20.f4??



20.♔h1 ♕h4 21.g3 ♕h3 22.f4 ♘f6 23.♗f3∞

20...♖xe3! 21.♘xe3 ♕d4 22.♗d3 ♕xf4∓ 23.♖e2

23.♔h1 ♗h6 24.♘cd1 ♘f6 25.♖c3 ♘e5∓

23...♗d4 24.♖ce1 ♘de5

24...♕e5?! 25.♘d1 f4 26.♔h1 ♕h5 (26...fxe3? 27.♖xe3±) 27.♘f1 ♗e5∞24...♘f6 25.♔h1 (25.h3 ♕e5 26.♘d1 f4-+) 25...♘g4 26.g3 ♕f3+ 27.♘g2 ♖xe2-+

25.♔h1

25.♖f1 ♘xc4 (25...♕g5-+) 26.♖xf4 ♘xd2 27.♗xa6 ♖xe3-+

25...♘g4-+ 26.g3

26.♘f1 ♖xe2! 27.♕xf4 (27.♘xe2 ♘f2+ 28.♔g1 ♘xd3+-+) 27...♖xe1 28.g3 ♗e3-+ (28...♗xc3-+)

26...♕f3+ 27.♘g2 ♖xe2 28.♗xe2

28.♘xe2 ♕xd3-+

28...♘f2+ 29.♔g1 ♘h3+ 30.♔h1 ♕xc3 31.♕xc3 ♗xc3 32.♖f1 ♗c8 33.♘f4 ♘xf4 34.gxf4 a5 35.♗d3 ♗f6 36.♔g2 ♗d7 37.♔g3 ♔g7 38.♗c2 ♘h6 39.h3 ♘g8 40.♗d3 ♗c3 41.♖c1 ♗d4 42.♖e1 ♔f7 43.♖e2 ♘f6 44.♔f3 ♘h5 0-1

196. [E89]
Parligras, Mircea Emilian (2586) - Fedorov, Alexei (2553)
Romania 2015 [Stoica, Valentin]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘ge2 c6 8.♕d2 ♘bd7 9.d5 cxd5 10.cxd5 a6 11.g4 h5 12.h3 b5 13.♗g5 ♕a5 14.♘d1 b4 15.♘g3 ♘c5

15...♘h7 16.♗e7 (16.gxh5 - 66/(512)) 16...h4 17.♘e2! (17.♗xh4 f6! 18.♘e2 ♘g5⇄) 17...♘c5 18.♗xd6 (18.♗xf8 ♗xf8 19.♘c1 ♗e7 20.♗c4 ♗g5⇄) 18...♘b3 19.axb3 ♕xa1 20.♗xf8 ♗xf8 21.♘c1 ♗d7 22.♗c4±

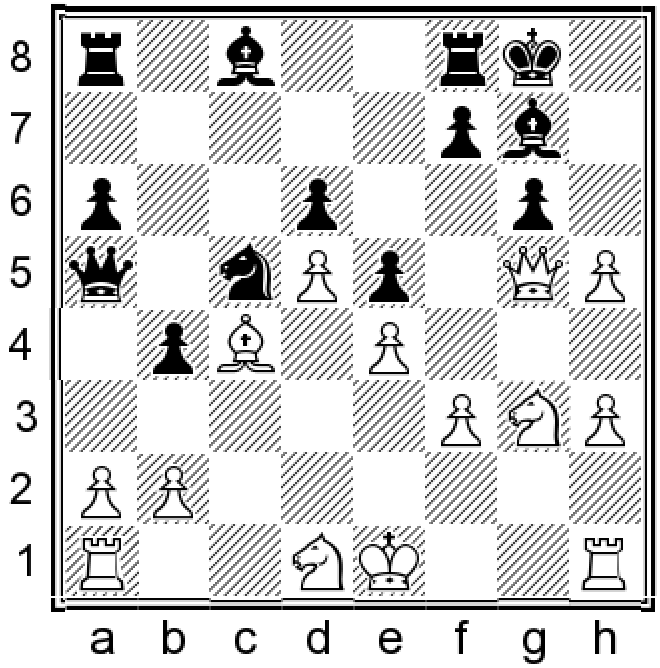
16.♗c4N

16.♖g1 ♘h7!? (16...♘b3 17.axb3 ♕xa1 18.♘xh5 gxh5 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♕h6 ♗h4+ 21.♔d2 f6 22.♕g6+=) 17.♗e7 ♕b6 18.♗xf8 ♗xf8 19.♕e3 (19.gxh5 ♘d3+ 20.♕xd3 ♕xg1 21.♘e2 ♕g5∓) 19...♗e7!? (19...h4 20.♘e2 Δ Nc1-d3) 20.gxh5 ♗h4 21.hxg6 fxg6=∞16.gxh5! ♘b3 (16...♘xh5 17.♘xh5 gxh5 18.♗e7±) (16...♗d7 17.h6 ♗h8 18.h4 Δ h5) 17.axb3 ♕xa1 18.h6 ♗h8 19.♕xb4 ♘h7 (19...♖d8 20.h4±) 20.♗e7 ♕c1 21.♗xf8 ♘xf8 22.♕xd6 ♕f4 23.♖g1 ♗d7 (23...♕xf3 24.♗e2 ♕f4 25.♕c6! ♖b8 26.♕e8 ♕xh6 27.♖f1+-) 24.♔f2 ♕xh6 25.♘e3 ♕h4 26.♗c4±

16...♘h7 17.gxh5

17.♗e7 ♖e8 18.♗xd6 h4 19.♘f1 ♕b6=∞

17...♘xg5 18.♕xg5



18...♕d8

18...b3+!? 19.♘c3 (19.♕d2?! ♕a4 20.♕c3 ♖b8↑) (19.♔f2 f5!? 20.h6 ♗f6 21.♕xg6+ ♔h8⇄) 19...♕b4!? 20.axb3 ♘xb3 21.♗xb3 ♕xb3 22.♘ge2 (22.♖a2 ♕b6 23.h4 ♔h7! 24.hxg6+ fxg6 25.h5 ♖xf3 26.hxg6+ ♔g8 27.♖f1 ♖f4⇄ 28.♕e7 ♕e3+ 29.♘ce2 ♗g4 30.♖xf4 ♖c8! 31.♕f7+ ♔h8 32.♖a1□ exf4 33.♕xf4 ♕xf4 34.♘xf4 ♗xb2=) 22...♖a7!? (22...♕xb2 23.♖b1 ♕a3 24.h6 ♗h8 25.♕e7! ♕a5 (25...♕c5 26.♖g1±) 26.h7+ ♔g7 27.♕xd6 ♖d8 28.♕e7 ♖d7 29.♕g5 ♖c7 30.♕e3⩲) 23.h6 ♗h8 24.♔f1 ♕xb2 25.♖b1 ♕a3 26.♔g2 ♔h7⇄

19.♕xd8 ♖xd8 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.h4⩲ ♖a7 22.h5 ♖f8 23.♗e2 ♖f6 24.♘e3

24.♔f2 ♗h6 25.hxg6 ♖xg6 26.♘f5 ♗xf5 27.exf5 ♖f6 28.♘e3 ♗xe3+ 29.♔xe3 ♖g7 (29...♖xf5 30.♖h6 ♖d7 31.♖g1+ ♔f8 (31...♔f7 32.♗xa6±) 32.♖g4±) 30.♖h4 a5 31.♖ah1±

24...♗h6 25.♔f2 ♗xe3+

⌓25...♖af7 26.♖ad1⩲

26.♔xe3 g5 27.♖ag1 ♔h7 28.♘f1 ♔h6 29.♘d2 ♗d7 30.♖c1 ♗b5 31.a3?!

31.♖hg1 ♖f4 (31...♘a4 32.♖c8! ♘xb2 33.♖b1±) 32.♖g2! (32.♖g3 ♖h4 33.♖cg1 ♖xh5 34.♖3g2 ♖f7⇄) 32...♖h4 (32...♗e8?! 33.♘c4+-) (32...♖g7 33.♖cg1± Δ♖h4 34.♗xb5 axb5 35.♘f1+-) 33.♖cg1 ♖xh5 34.♗xb5 axb5 35.♘f1±

31...bxa3 32.bxa3 ♖f4=∞ 33.♗d1

33.♘c4 ♘b3 34.♘xd6 ♘xc1 35.♖xc1 ♔xh5=33.♖b1 g4 34.♗d1 (34.fxg4 ♗xe2 35.g5+ ♔xg5 36.♔xe2 ♘xe4=) 34...♖c7 35.♖c1 gxf3 36.♗xf3 ♖ff7! (36...♖g7 37.♖cg1±) 37.♖hg1 (37.♖cg1? ♘b3!∓) 37...♖g7⇄

33...♖h4 34.♖g1 ♖h2

34...♖xh5? 35.a4!±

35.♖c2 ♖xh5 36.♗e2

36.a4 ♘xa4 37.♖c8 ♘c5 38.♖d8 ♖d7 39.♖h8+ ♖h7=

36...♗xe2 37.♔xe2 ♖h2+ 38.♔e3 ♖b7 39.♖f1 ♖f7

39...a5! 40.a4 (40.♖f2 ♖h3∓) 40...♘b3 41.♖b1 ♖b4 (41...g4 42.♖c3 ♖xd2 43.♖bxb3=) 42.♖xb3 ♖xb3+ 43.♘xb3 ♖xc2 44.♘xa5 ♖c7 45.♔d3 ♖f7 46.♔e2 g4∓

40.♖b2 g4 41.♖b6!= ♖f6 42.fxg4 ♖xf1 43.♖xd6+ ♔g5 44.♘xf1 ♖h3+ 45.♔e2 ♖xa3 46.♖d8 ♘xe4 1/2-1/2

197.* [E92]
Howell, David (2693) - Jones, Gawain C (2615)
Great Britain (ch-m/1) 2015 [Howell, David]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♘c3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.♗e2 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 g5 10.♗g3 ♘xe4 11.♘xe4 f5 12.♘c3

12.♘fd2 - 68/(525)

12...f4

12...e4!? 13.♘d2 ♗xc3! (13...f4 14.♘dxe4 fxg3 15.hxg3 ♗f5 16.O-O±) 14.bxc3 f4 15.♘xe4 ♗f5 16.♗xf4 gxf4 (16...♗xe4? 17.♗e3 ♗xg2 18.♖g1 ♗e4 19.h4±) 17.♘d2 ♕f6 18.O-O ♕xc3 19.♗g4±

13.♘d2 ♘c5 14.♘de4 fxg3 15.hxg3 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♗f5 17.♗d3 g4 18.♕d2

18.O-O

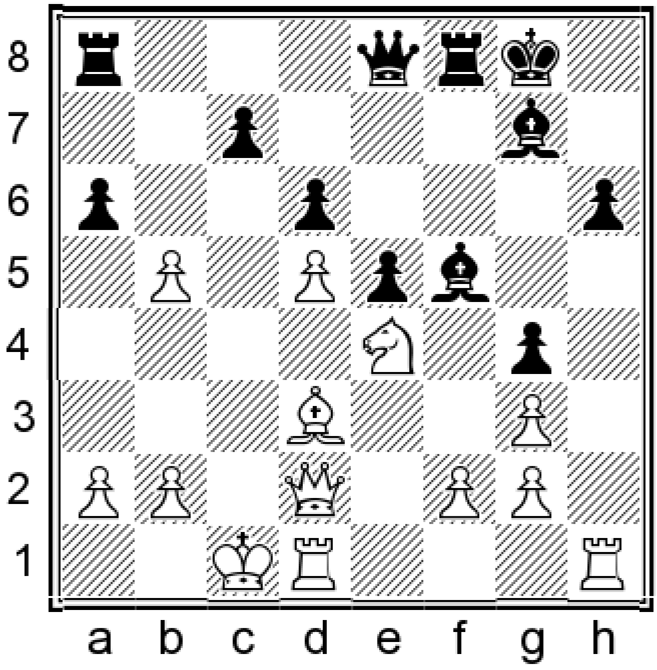
18...♕e8 19.O-O-O!N

19.O-O - 127/(197) 19...♕g6 20.♖fe1 ♖f7 21.♖ad1 (21.c5!) 21...♖af8 22.♖e2∞ Rowson, J (2569) -Jones, G (2615) Great Britain (ch-m/2) 127/(197) 2015

19...b5!?

19...♕g6 20.f3±

20.cxb5 a6



21.b6! ♗xe4?!

21...♕a4 22.♘c3 ♕d7! 23.♕e2 e4 24.♗xe4±

22.♗xe4 ♕a4 23.♕e2

23.♖de1! ♕xa2 24.♖xh6 ♖f7 (24...cxb6 25.♗h7+ ♔f7 26.♖xd6 ♖ac8+ 27.♔d1!+- (27.♖c6?! ♖fd8∞)) (24...♕a1+ 25.♔c2 ♕a4+ 26.♔b1+-) 25.♖g6±

23...♕xa2 24.b7 ♖ae8!

24...♖ab8? 25.♕xg4 ♕a1+ 26.♗b1 ♖xf2 (26...♖fe8 27.♖xh6 ♖xb7 28.♖d2+-) (26...e4 27.♖d2! ♖xb7 28.♕e6+ ♖f7 (28...♔h8 29.♕xe4+-) 29.♕c8++-) 27.♕c8+ ♗f8 28.♕e6+ ♔h8 29.♖d2! ♖xd2 30.♕f6+ ♗g7 31.♖xh6+!+-

25.♖h4?!

25.♖d2! ♕a1+ 26.♗b1 e4 27.♕xg4 e3 28.fxe3 ♖xe3 29.♕g6+-

25...♕a1+?

25...♖b8! 26.♕xg4 ♕a1+ 27.♗b1 ♖xf2 28.♕c8+ ♗f8 29.♕e6+ ♔h8 30.♖xh6+= (30.♖d2?? ♖f1+-+)

26.♗b1

26.♔c2 ♕a4+ 27.♔b1? ♖xf2!

26...♕a5 27.♖xg4 ♕c5+ 28.♖c4

28.♗c2! ♖xf2 29.♕e4+-

28...♕b6

28...♕xf2? 29.♕xf2 ♖xf2 30.♖xc7 ♖b8 (30...e4 31.♗xe4+-) 31.♗d3! e4 32.♖f1 ♗xb2+ 33.♔b1+-

29.♖d2 ♕xb7 30.♕e4+- ♖f6 31.♕h7+ ♔f8 32.♗f5 ♖e7

32...c5 33.♗e6+- (33.dxc6? ♕f7 34.♗d3 d5⇄)

33.♗e6 ♔e8

33...♖fxe6 34.dxe6 ♖xe6 35.♕f5+ ♖f6 36.♕d7+-

34.♖dc2 ♕b6?! 35.♖c6 ♕a7

35...♕a5 36.♔b1+-

36.♖xd6! ♖xf2 37.♕g6+ ♖ff7 38.♔b1 ♕g1+ 39.♔a2 ♕f1 40.♖b6! 1-0

198. [E97]
Babula, Vlastimil (2554) - Rogozenco, Dorian (2526)
Deutschland 2016 [Arsovic, Goran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.b4 ♘h5 10.g3 f5 11.♘g5 ♘f6 12.♗f3 c6 13.♗g2 h6 14.♘e6 ♗xe6 15.dxe6 a6

15...fxe4 - 115/200

16.a4 fxe4 17.♗a3 ♘f5N

17...b5?! 18.axb5 axb5 19.cxb5 cxb5 20.♘xb5 d5 21.♘c3 ♖e8 22.b5±17...e3

18.b5

18.♘xe4 ♘d4 19.b5 ♘xe4 20.♗xe4 axb5 21.axb5 - 18.b5

18...axb5 19.axb5 ♘d4?!

19...e3 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.♗xc6 ♖a6 22.♗b7 exf2+ 23.♖xf2±

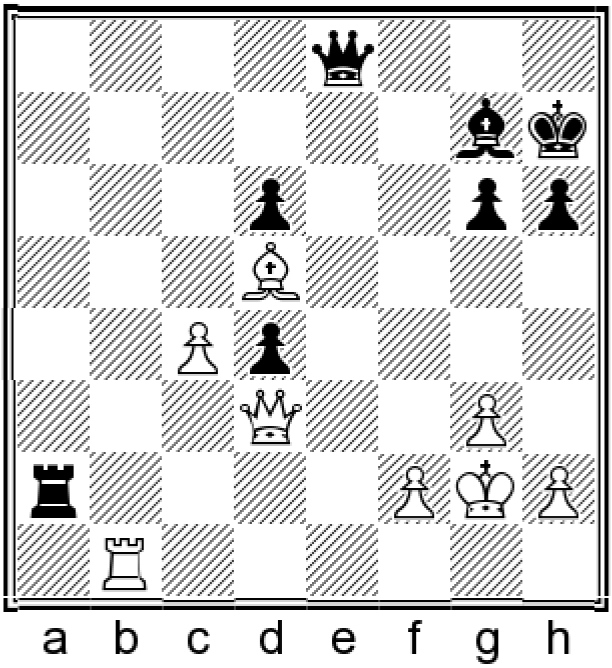
20.♘xe4 ♘xe4 21.♗xe4 ♖f6

21...♕e7 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.♕g4 g5 24.♗b2±

22.♗b2 ♖xa1 23.♗xa1 ♖xe6 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.♗xd4 exd4 26.♗xc6 ♔h7 27.♗d5 ♖e7 28.♕d3 ♕e8 29.♔g2 ♖a7

29...♖e2 30.♗f3 ♖b2 31.♗e4 ♕f7 32.h4 h5 33.♕d1±

30.♖b1± ♖a2



31.c5! ♖a5 32.♖b6! ♖xc5 33.♖xd6 ♖c3 34.♕e4 ♕xe4+ 35.♗xe4 ♖c8 36.♗xg6+ [R 9/j] **36...♔g8 37.h4**

37.f4 ♔f8 38.♔f3 ♖c3+ 39.♔e4+-

37...♖b8 38.♔h3 ♔f8 39.♖d7 ♖b6 40.♗f5 ♗f6 41.♔g4 ♖b2 42.f4 ♖b5 43.♗g6 ♗g7 44.f5 ♖b6 45.♔h5+- ♖a6 46.g4 ♖b6 47.g5 hxg5 48.hxg5 d3 49.♖xd3 ♗a1 50.♖d7 ♖b1 51.♗f7

51.♔h6! ♖h1+ 52.♗h5+-

51...♖b6 52.♗g6

52.♗e6 ♔e8 53.♖f7 ♖b1 54.f6+-

52...♗e5 53.f6 ♖b8 54.♔h6 ♔g8 55.♖g7+ ♔f8 56.♔h7 1-0

199. [E99]
So, Wesley (2760) - Ding, Liren (2782)
Bilbao 2015 [Arsovic, Zoran]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘e1 ♘d7 10.♗e3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 ♘g6 14.c5 ♘xc5 15.b4 ♘a6 16.♘d3 h5 17.♘b5 b6

17...♗d7 - 69/(553)

18.♗e1 ♖f7 19.♗d2 ♗f6 20.♘f2 ♕e8N

20...♖g7

21.♕a4 ♗d8 22.♕a3 g4 23.fxg4 hxg4 24.♘c3 ♘xb4?!

24...♘b8 25.♗xg4 (25.♘xg4!?) 25...♗xg4 26.♘xg4 ♖h7 27.♘d1±

25.♕xb4 f3 26.♗b5!

26.gxf3? gxf3 27.♗b5 ♕e7 28.♖c2 ♕h4-+

26...♕e7

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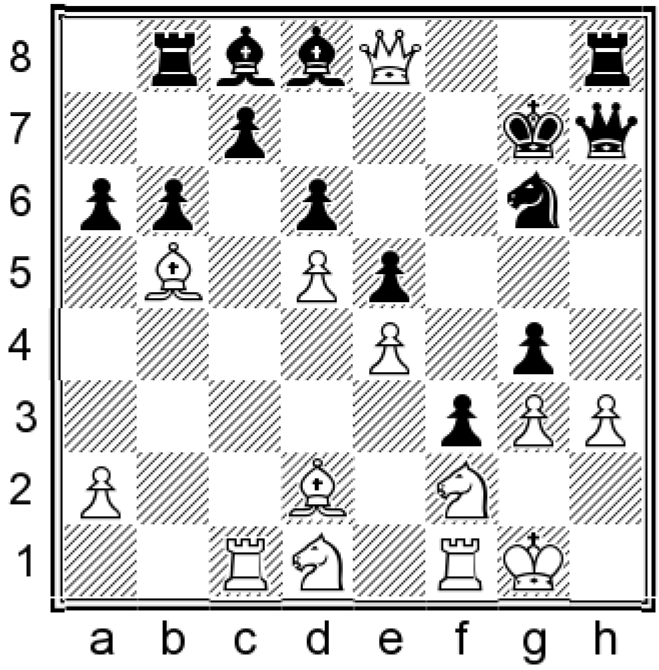

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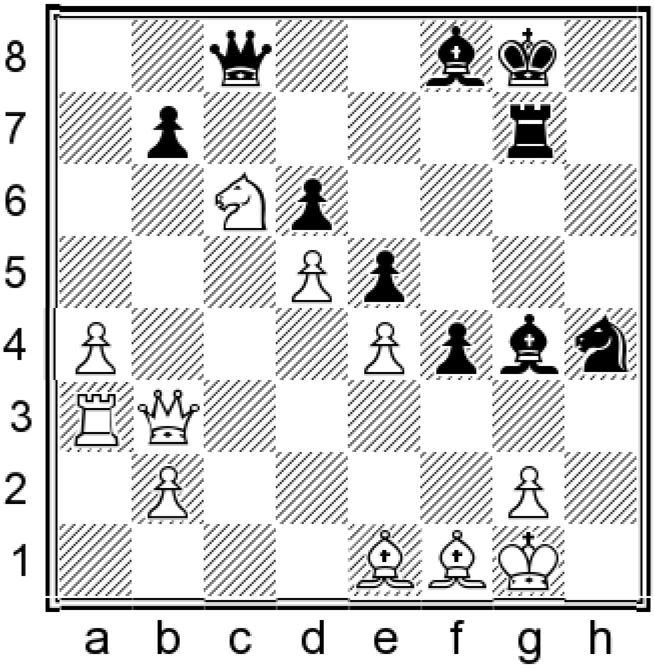
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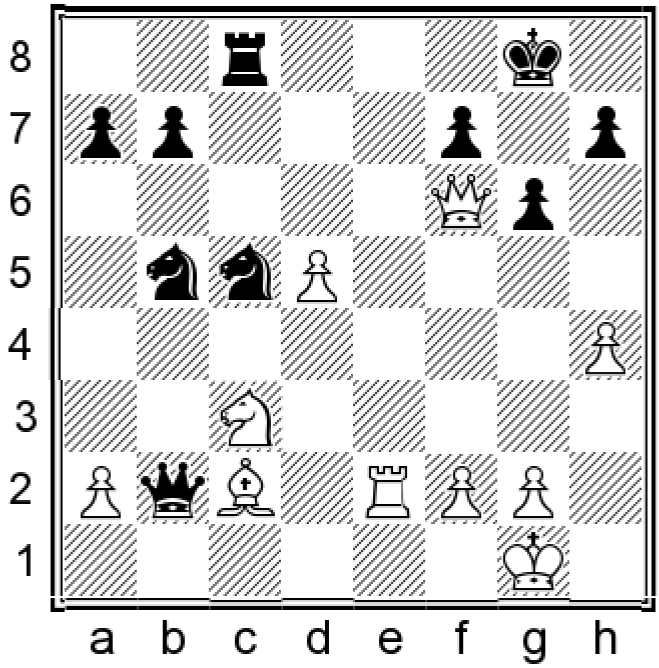
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1.♗xg6! ♕a1+ 2.♗b1 ♕xc3

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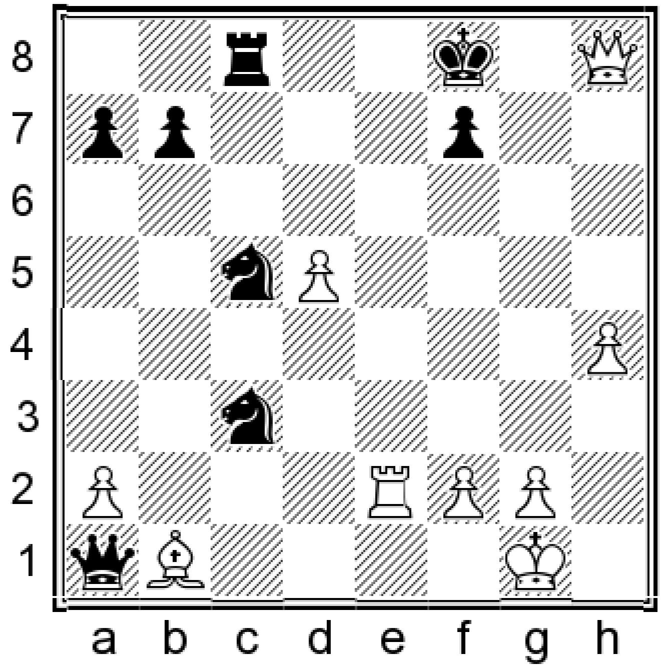

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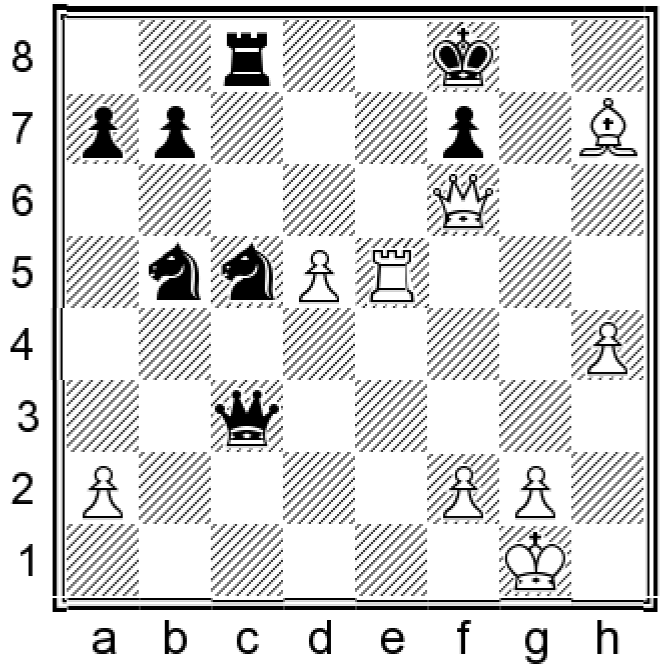
3...♔f8 4.♖e5+-



∆ ♕h8

4.♕xf7+ ♔h8

4...♕g7 5.♕f5+ ♔h6 6.♕xc8+-

5.♕h5+ ♔g8 6.♕g4++-

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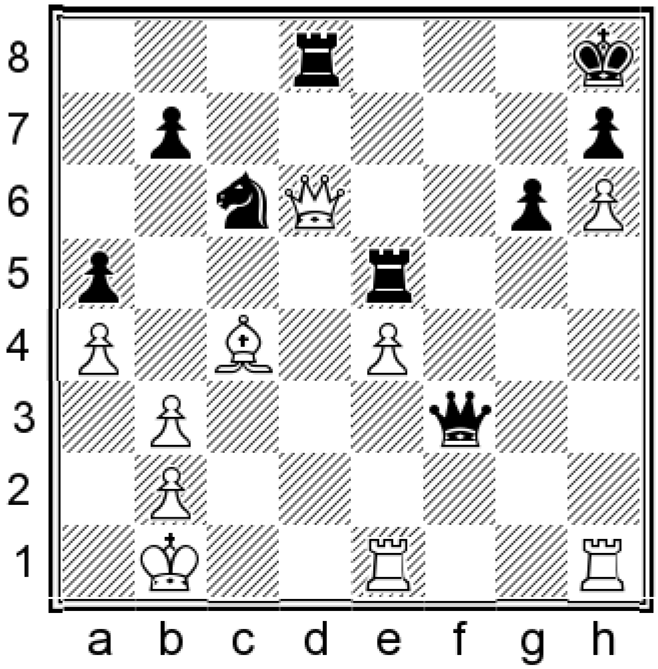

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1.♕xd8+!! ♘xd8 2.♖hf1 ♕xf1

2...♖xe4 3.♖xf3 ♖xe1+ 4.♔a2 ♖e8 5.b4 axb4 (5...♘c6 6.bxa5 ♘xa5 7.♗d5 ♖d8 8.♖f7+-) 6.♗d5 g5 (6...♘c6 7.♖f7 ♘d8 8.♖c7 g5 9.♖c8+-) 7.♖f5+-

3.♖xf1 ♖e8 4.♗d5 ♘c6 5.♖f7 ♘e7 6.♗xb7 ♘g8 7.b4 ♘xh6 8.♖c7 ♖e5 9.♗d5 1-0

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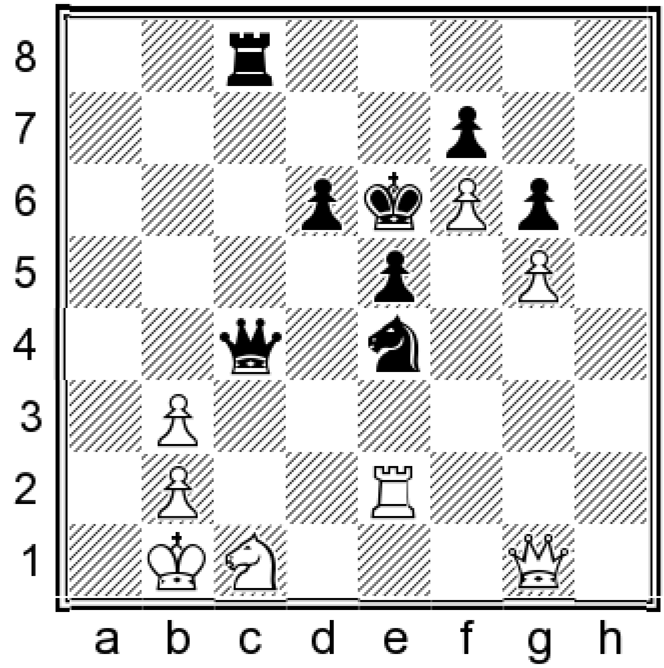

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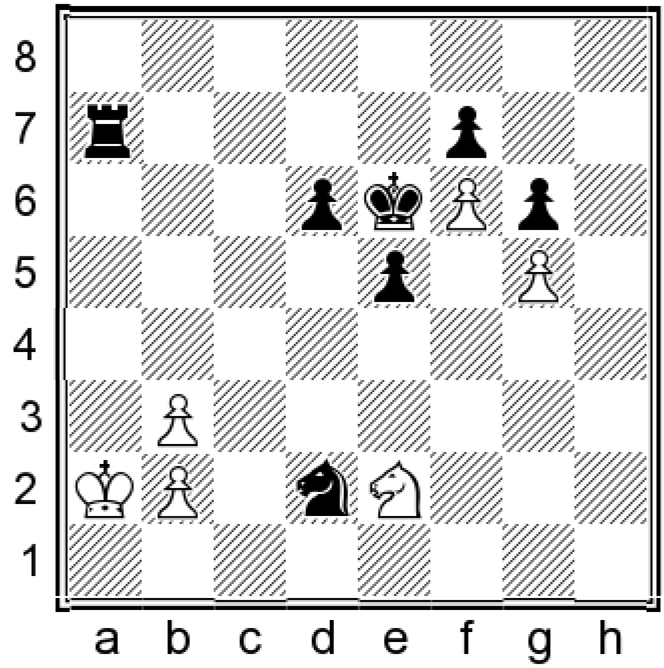
1...♕xe2!! [0 : 1 Grandelius,Nils 2632 - Giri,Anish 2784, Doha 2015] **2.♘xe2 ♘d2+ 3.♔a2 ♖a8+ 4.♕a7 ♖xa7#**



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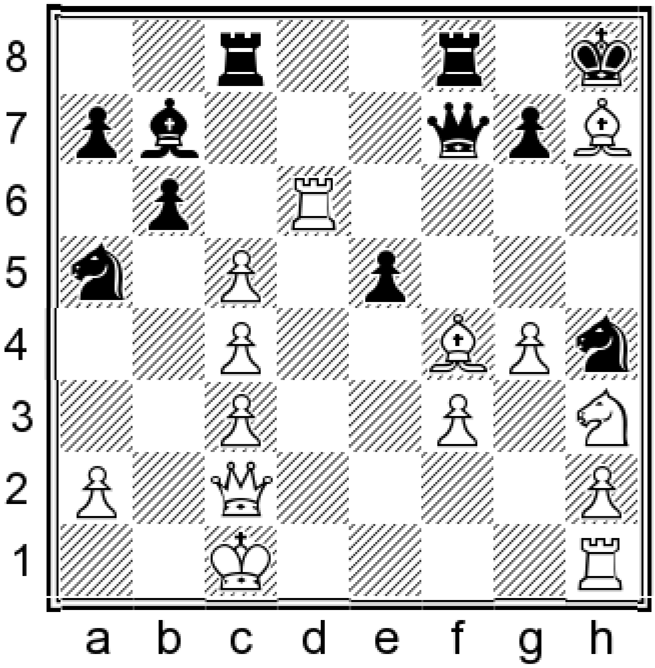

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1.♖h6!! ♘xf3

1...gxh6 2.♗xe5++-1...exf4 2.♖xh4+-

2.♗g6+ gxh6 3.♗xf7 exf4 4.♕g6 ♖c6 5.♗e6 ♖xe6 6.♕xe6 1-0

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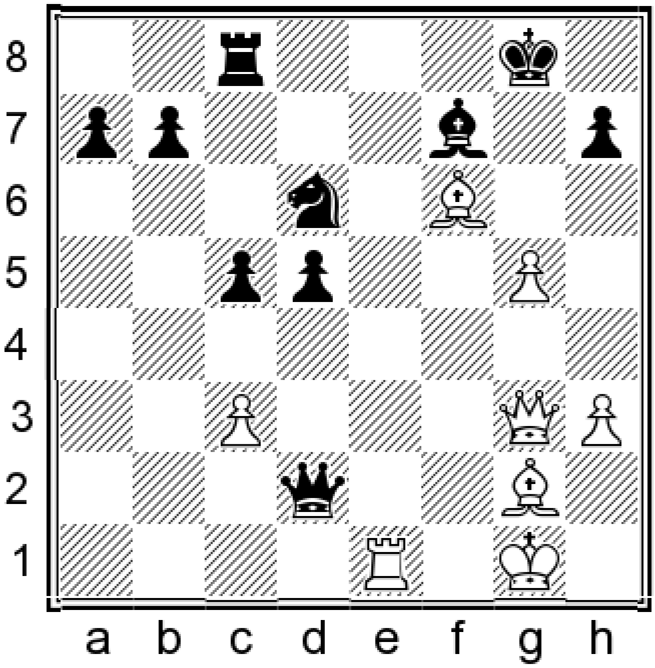

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1.g6! ♗xg6

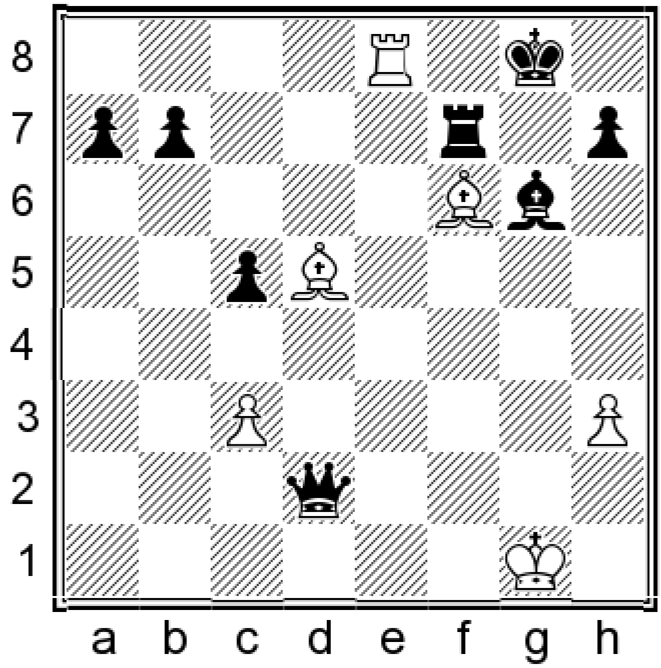
1...hxg6 2.♕h4+-

2.♕e5 ♖f8

2...♗f7 3.♖e2! ♕d1+ (3...♕d3 4.♗f1 (∆ Rg2) 4...♖e8 5.♖g2+ ♗g6 6.♕xd6+-) 4.♗f1 ♖e8 5.♖g2+ ♗g6 6.♕xd6+-

3.♗xd5+ ♘f7

3...♖f7 4.♕e8+ ♘xe8 5.♖xe8#



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4.♗g5 ♕d3 5.♗h6+-1-0

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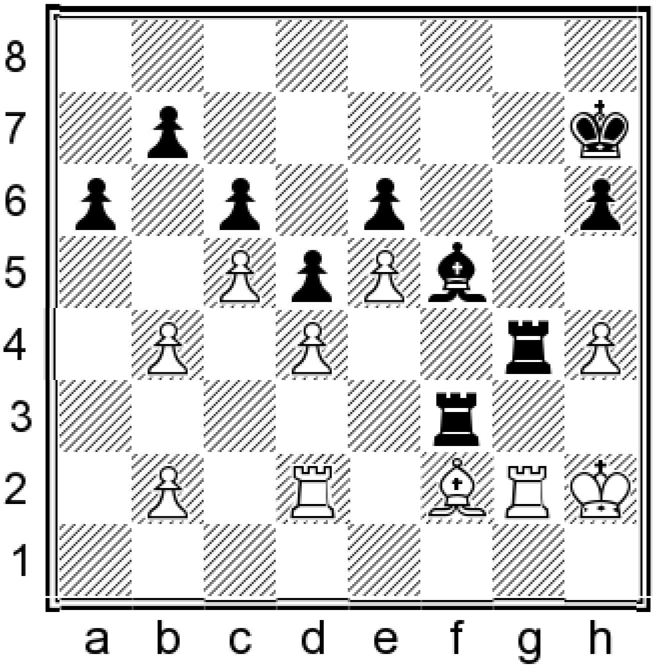

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1...♖h3+! 2.♔g1

2.♔xh3 ♖xd4+ 3.♔h2 ♖xd2-+

2...♗e4! 0-1

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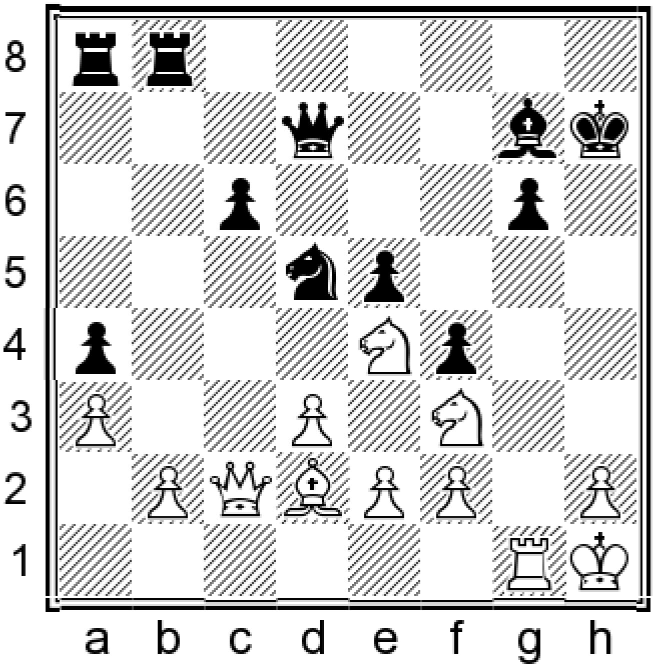

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1.d4!+- exd4 2.♖xg6 ♔h8

2...♔xg6 3.♘c5+ ♕f5 4.♘h4++-

3.♘eg5 ♘f6 4.♘e5 ♕d5+ 5.f3 ♕b3 6.♘gf7+!

6.♘ef7+ ♔g8 7.♘h6+ ♔h8 8.♘gf7+ ♔h7 9.♕b1 ♕xb2 10.♘g5+ ♔h8 11.♕g1+- Petrosian,Tigran L 2607 - Moiseenko, Alexander 2668, Moscow 2016

6...♔h7

6...♔g8 7.♘h6+ ♔h8 8.♕f5+-

7.♕f5+-

8. Vitiugov, Nikita (2724) - Sasikiran, Krishnan (2638)
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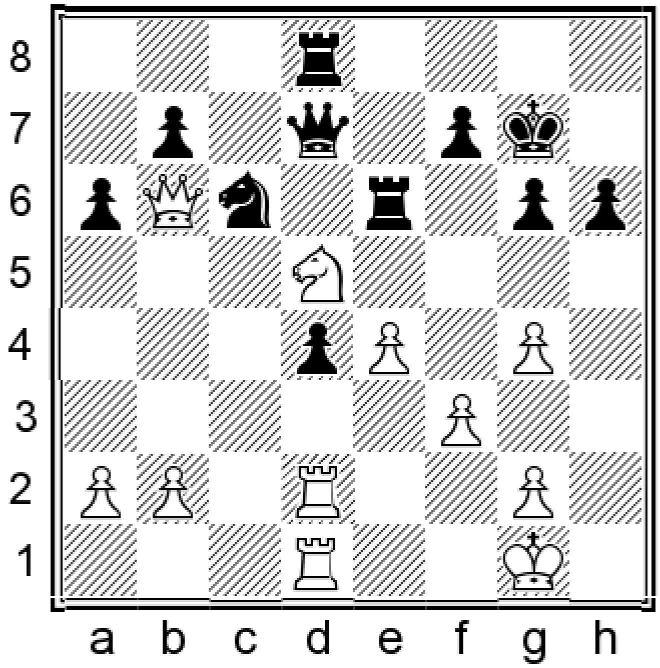

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1.♖xd4! ♘xd4 2.♕xd4+ f6

2...♔g8 3.♘f6+ ♖xf6 4.♕xd7 ♖xd7 5.♖xd7±

3.♘c7!! ♖e7 4.♘e8+!

4.♘e6+±

4...♕xe8 5.♕xd8 ♕f7 6.♖d6±

9. Velikic,Adela (2322) - Guichard,Pauline (2338)

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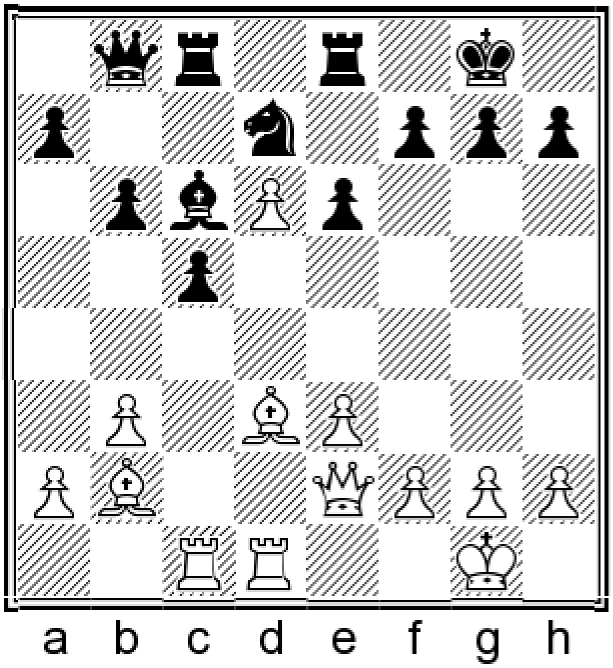

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1.♗xh7+!

[1.b4?!↑ Velikic,Adela 2322 - Guichard,Pauline 2338, Reykjavik 2016;
1.♕h5!?→]

1...♔xh7 2.♕h5+ ♔g8 3.♗xg7! ♔xg7 4.♕g5+ ♔f8 5.♕h6+ ♔g8 6.♖c4 ♘e5 7.♖h4 ♘g6 8.♕h7+ ♔f8 9.♖f4!+-

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Gibraltar, 2016
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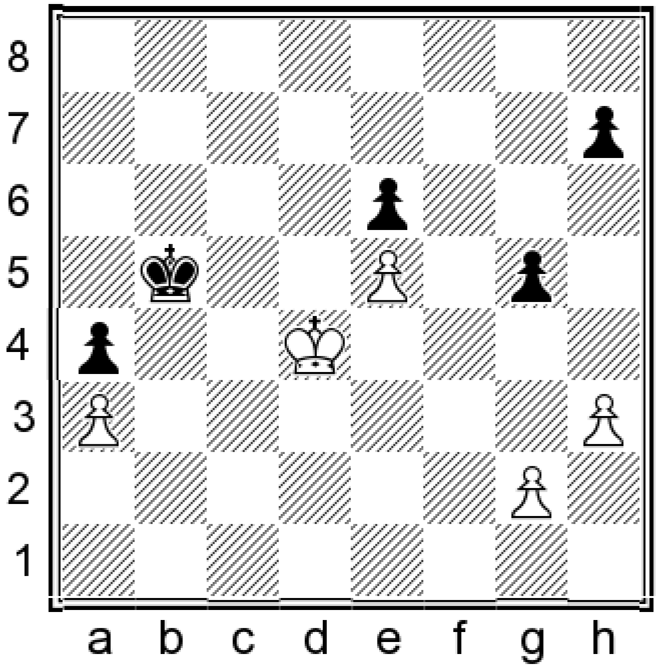

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1.g4!

1.g3? h5!-+ 2.h4 g4 3.♔d3 ♔c5 4.♔c3 ♔d5 5.♔b4 ♔xe5 6.♔xa4 ♔d4 (6...♔e4 7.♔b5 ♔f3 8.a4 ♔xg3 9.a5 ♔xh4 10.a6 g3 11.a7 g2 12.a8=Q g1=Q-+) 7.♔b3 e5 8.a4 e4 9.a5 ♔d3-+ (9...e3?? 10.♔c2+- (10.a6?? e2-+ 11.a7 e1=Q 12.a8=Q ♕b1+ 0 : 1 Spence,David 2140 - Aravindh, Chithambaram VR 2500, Gibraltar 2016))

1...h6 2.♔d3! ♔c5 3.♔c3 ♔d5 4.♔b4 ♔xe5 5.♔xa4 ♔f4 6.♔b3 e5 7.♔c2 ♔f3 8.♔d2 ♔f2 9.♔d3=

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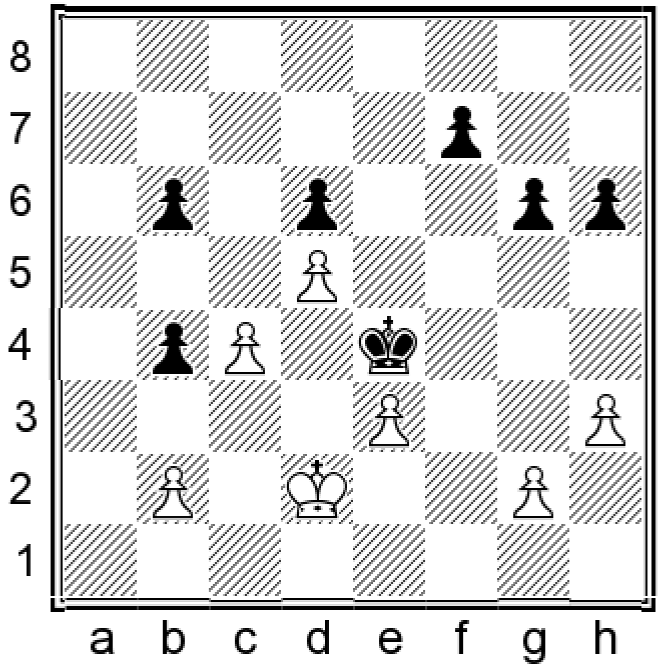

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1.♔c2!

1.b3? h5 (1...f5? 2.♔e2= g5 3.g4! f4 4.exf4 gxf4 5.h4 f3+! 6.♔f2 ♔f4 7.g5 hxg5 8.hxg5 ♔xg5 9.♔xf3 ♔f5 10.♔e3 ♔e5 11.♔d3 ♔f4 1/2 : 1/2 Savory,Richard J 2095 - Anilkumar,Anantha P 2024, Great Britain 2016) 2.h4 ♔f5 3.♔e1 ♔g4+-

1...♔xe3 2.♔b3 f5 3.♔xb4 ♔f2 4.♔b5 ♔xg2 5.♔xb6 f4 6.c5 dxc5 7.d6 f3 8.d7 f2 9.d8=Q f1=Q 10.♕d2+=

3. Eljanov, Pavel (2760) - Cramling, Pia (2523)
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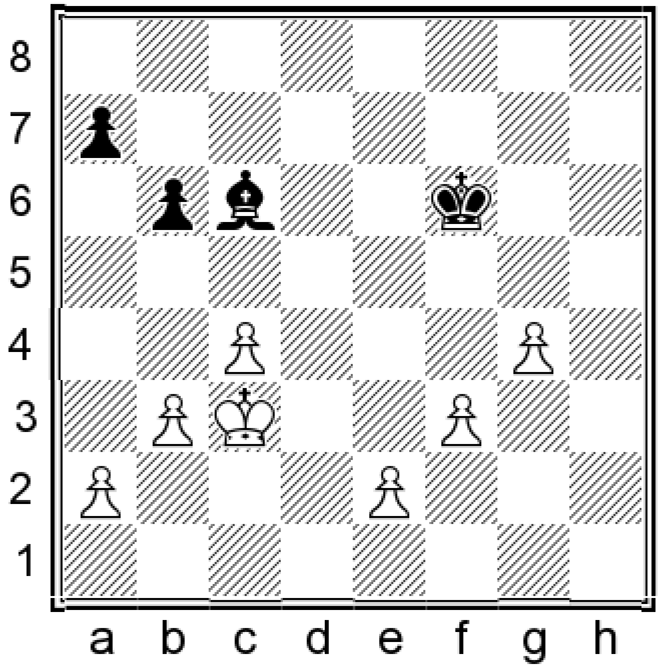

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2...♔f7 3.♔e5+-

3.♔e5

3.c5!? bxc5+ 4.♔xc5 ♗e8 5.♔d6 ♗b5 6.e5+-

3...♗e8 4.a4 ♗g6 5.f4+

5.♔d5 ♗e8 6.♔d6 ♔f4 7.♔c7+-

5...♔xg4 6.f5 ♗h5

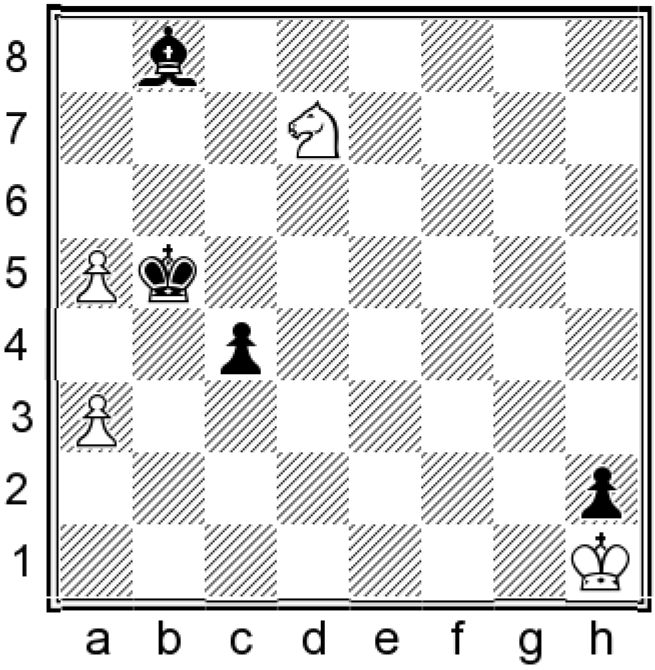
6...♗e8 7.f6 ♗f7 8.♔d6 ♔f4 9.♔e7+-

7.f6!

7.♔d6?? ♔f4= (7...♔g5=) 8.♔c7 ♔xe4 9.f6 (9.♔xb6 ♔xf5 10.♔xa5 ♗d1 11.b4 ♔e6=) 9...♔e5 10.♔xb6 ♔xf6 11.♔xa5 ♔e6 12.b4 ♔d7 (12...♗d1=) 13.♔b6 ♗d1! (13...♔c8?? 14.♔a7! (14.a5?? ♔b8= 15.c5 ♗f3 16.c6 ♗g4 17.b5 ♗h3 18.♔c5 ♗f1 19.b6 ♗a6 20.♔d6 ♔c8 21.♔e6 ♗c4+ 22.♔e7 ♗b5 23.♔d6 ♗a6 24.♔d5 ♗f1 25.♔c5 ♗e2 1/2 : 1/2 Eljanov,Pavel 2760 - Cramling, Pia 2523, Tallinn (rapid) 2016) 14...♗e2 15.b5 ♗xc4 16.b6 ♗d5 17.a5+-) 14.a5 ♗e2 15.c5 ♔c8! 16.b5 ♔b8 17.c6 ♗g4 18.c7+ ♔a8! 19.a6 ♗f5 20.♔c6 ♔a7! 21.♔d6 ♔b6=

7...♗f7 8.♔d6 ♔f3 9.♔e7 ♗h5 10.f7 ♗xf7 11.♔xf7 ♔xe4 12.♔e6+-

4. Martinez, Ayelen (2217) - Feliciano Ebert, Vanessa (2232)
Brazil, 2016
♘♗ 5 / c



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1.a4+!

1.♘b6? c3!-+ 2.♘d5 c2! 3.♘c3+ ♔xa5 4.♘e2 ♔a4 5.♔g2 ♔xa3 6.♔h1 ♔b4 7.♔g2 ♔c4 8.♘c1 ♗e5 0 : 1
Martinez,Ayelen 2217 - Feliciano Ebert, Vanessa 2232, Brazil 2016

1...♔xa5

1...♔xa4 2.♘b6+ ♔b3 3.♘xc4 ♔xc4 4.a6=

2.♘xb8 ♔xa4

2...c3 3.♘c6+! ♔xa4 4.♘d4=

3.♔xh2 c3 4.♘d7! ♔b4

4...c2 5.♘c5+! ♔a3 6.♘d3!=

5.♘e5! c2 6.♘d3+! ♔c3 7.♘c1= [Da Costa Junior,Luiz Roberto]

5. Teixeira, Ricardo da Silva (2234) - Barbosa, Evandro Amorim (2461)
Brazil, 2016
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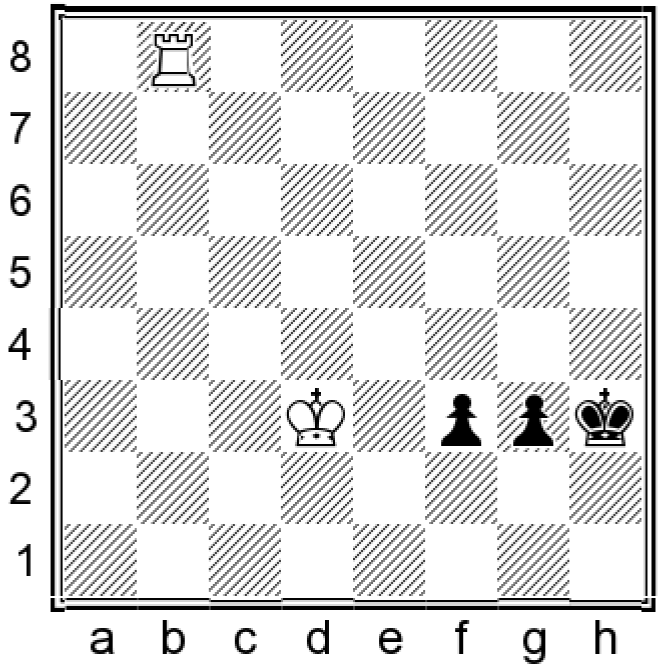

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1...g2!

1...f2? 2.♔e2!=

2.♖h8+ ♔g3 3.♖g8+ ♔f4!

3...♔f2?? 4.♔e4! ♔e2 5.♖g7= (5.♖a8?? f2!-+ (5...g1=Q? 6.♖a2+! ♔f1 7.♖a1+ ♔g2 8.♖xg1+ ♔xg1 9.♔xf3=) 6.♖a2+ ♔d1 7.♖a1+ ♔d2 8.♖a2+ ♔c3 9.♖xf2 g1=Q 10.♖f3+ ♔c4 11.♖f4 ♕e1+ 12.♔f3+ ♔d5 13.♔g2 ♔e5 14.♖f1 ♕d2+ 15.♖f2 ♕g5+ 16.♔f1 ♔e4 17.♖e2+ ♔d3 18.♖f2 ♕g4 19.♖g2 ♕d1+ 20.♔f2 ♔e4 21.♔g3 ♕d6+ 22.♔f2 ♕d4+ 23.♔g3 ♕e5+ 24.♔f2 ♔f4 25.♔f1 ♕d4 26.♖f2+ ♔g3 0 : 1 Teixeira, Ricardo da Silva 2234 - Barbosa,Evandro Amorim 2461, Brazil 2016)

4.♖f8+

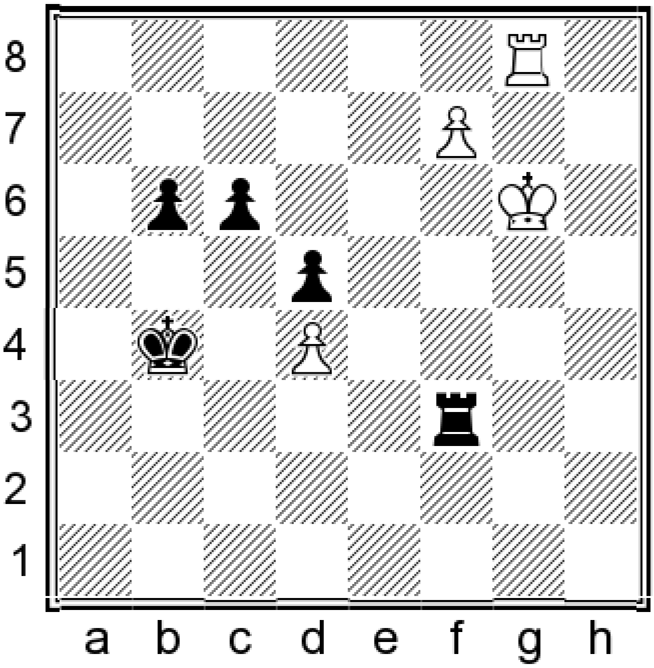
4.♔d2 f2-+4.♖g7 f2-+

4...♔e5-+ [Da Costa Junior,Luiz Roberto]

6. Dzagnidze, Nana (2529) - Batsiashvili, Nino (2485)

Tehran, 2016

♖ 6/a



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1...♔c4!

1...c5? 2.dxc5 bxc5 (2...♔xc5 3.f8=Q+ ♖xf8 4.♖xf8 ♔d4 5.♔f5 b5 6.♔f4 b4 7.♖b8 ♔c3 8.♔e3 d4+ 9.♔e2+-) 3.f8=Q ♖xf8 4.♖xf8 c4 5.♔f5! c3 6.♔f4 ♔c4 7.♔e3! d4+ 8.♔e4 ♔b3 9.♔d3 ♔b2 10.♖b8+ ♔c1 11.♖b7 1 : 0 Dzagnidze,Nana 2529 - Batsiashvili,Nino 2485, Tehran 2016

2.f8=Q ♖xf8 3.♖xf8 ♔xd4 4.♖c8 c5 5.♔f5 c4 6.♔f4 ♔d3=

7. Perez Ponsa, Federico (2577) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2727)

Gibraltar, 2016

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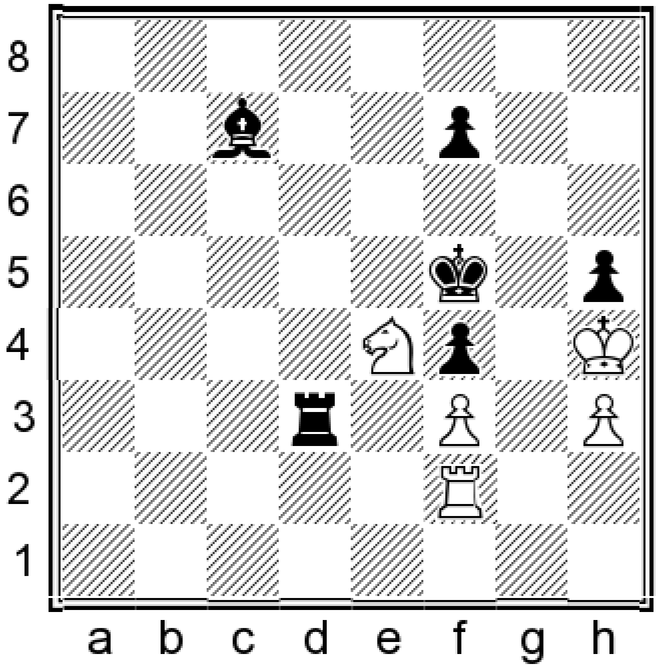

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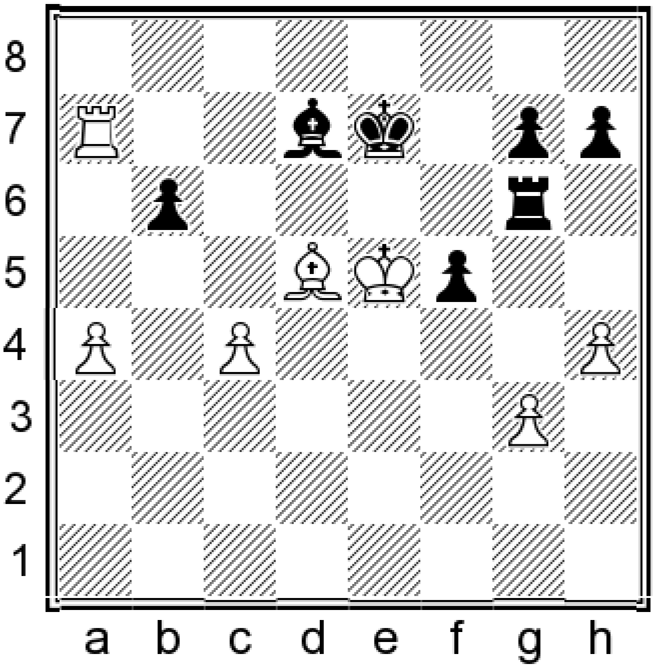
1...♔g6? 2.♖g2+ ♔h6 3.♖g5! (3.♘f6? ♖d6-+ 4.♖g8 ♖xf6 5.♖g6+ ♔h7 0 : 1 Perez Ponsa,Federico 2577 - Wojtaszek,Radoslaw 2727, Gibraltar 2016 (5...♖xg6?=)) 3...♖xf3 4.♖xh5+ ♔g7 5.♖c5 ♗d8+ 6.♔g4 ♖d3 7.♘g5 ♗e7 8.♖f5 ♗d6 9.♘e4 ♗c7 10.♖g5+ ♔f8 11.♖f5=

2.♖f1 ♖b3 3.♖f2 ♖a3 4.♖f1 ♖d3 5.♖f2 ♗d4 6.♖e2

6.♖f1 ♔g6 7.♖c1 ♖xf3-+

6...♖xf3-+

8. Navara, David (2730) - Caruana, Fabiano (2787)
Wijk aan Zee, 2016
♖ 9/k



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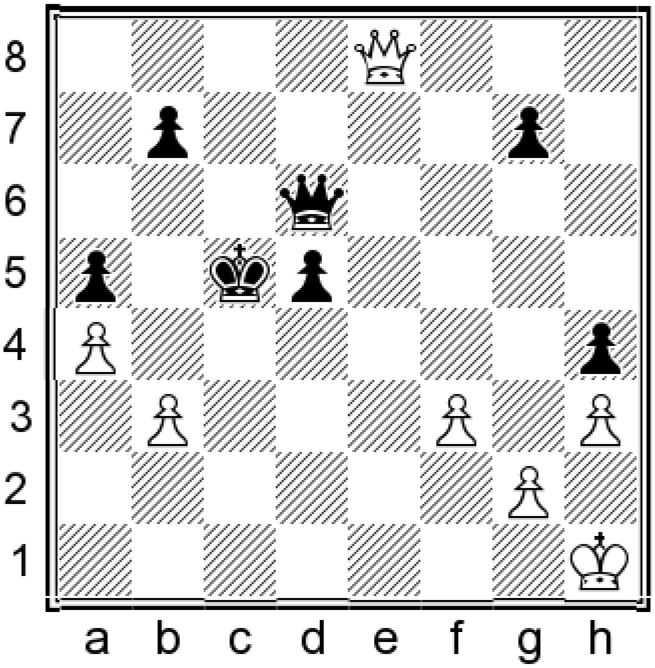
1...♔d8

1...♖xg3? 2.a5!+- bxa5 3.c5 ♔d8 (3...♖g6 4.h5 ♖h6 5.c6 ♖d6 6.cxd7 ♖xd7 7.♖xa5 ♖d6 8.♖a7+ ♖d7 9.♖a6 f4 10.♖a8 g5 11.♖h8+-) 4.h5! (Δ Kd6) 4...f4 5.♔d6 ♗c8 6.c6 (6.♖f7+-) 6...♖g5 (6...♖d3 7.♖xg7+-) 7.♗f7 1 : 0 Navara,David 2730 - Caruana,Fabiano 2787, Wijk aan Zee 2016

2.c5!? bxc5 3.a5 h5 4.♗f7 ♖f6 5.♗c4 ♖g6 6.a6 ♖xg3 7.♖b7 ♗c8 8.♖f7 ♗xa6 9.♗xa6 ♖g4 10.♗b7 ♔e8 11.♗d5 ♖xh4 12.♔d6 ♖a4=

9. Matlakov, Maxim (2684) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2796)
Doha, 2015
♕ 4 / k



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1.♕e1!

1.♕b5+? ♔d4 2.♕xa5 ♔d3! (2...♕f4? 3.b4=) 3.♕b5+ (3.♕e1 d4 4.♕b1+ ♔c3 5.♕a1+ ♔xb3 6.♕d1+ ♔b4 7.♕b1+ ♔xa4 8.♕c2+ ♔a5-+) 3...♔c3 4.♕a5+ (4.♕xb7 d4 5.♕xg7 (5.a5 d3 6.♕xg7+ ♕d4 7.♕c7+ ♔b2-+) 5...♔c2 6.a5 d3 7.♕a1 d2 8.♕a2+ ♔c3 9.♕a1+ ♔xb3 10.♕d1+ ♔c3 11.♕a1+ ♔b4 12.♕b1+ ♔xa5 13.♕a2+ ♔b5 14.♕b3+ ♕b4 15.♕d5+ ♔b6 16.♕d3 ♔c5 17.♕c2+ ♔d4 18.g4 ♔e3-+) 4...♔c2 (4...♔xb3∓) 5.♕e1 d4-+ 6.♕e2+ ♔xb3 7.♕d1+ ♔b4 8.♕b1+ ♔xa4 9.♕xb7 d3 10.♕b2 d2 11.♕a2+ ♔b5 12.♕b2+ ♕b4 13.♕c2 ♕d4 14.♕b3+ ♔c5 15.♕c2+ ♔b4 16.♕d1 ♕b2 0 : 1 Matlakov,Maxim 2684 - Kramnik, Vladimir 2796, Doha 2015

1...♕c7 2.b4+ axb4 3.♕c1+ ♔d6

3...♔b6?? 4.a5++-

4.♕f4+ ♔d7 5.♕xb4=

STUDIES

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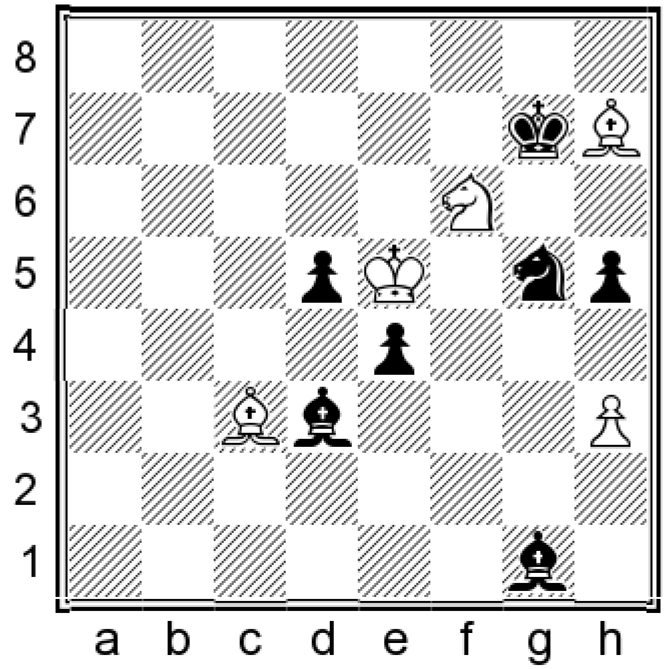
STUDY OF THE YEAR 2014

The selection of The Study of the Year is organized by the World Federation for Chess Composition and aimed at introducing a single friendly endgame study to the general public. The study should appeal to chess players of various levels and encourage them to pay more attention to endgame studies. Composers were invited to submit a single study (either their own or by others) that was published (either in a magazine or in an award) during the year 2014.

In all 24 candidate studies were considered by an international panel of endgame study experts (Oleg Pervakov, Gady Costeff, Ilham Aliev and Harold van der Heijden and Martin Minski), who scored the studies independently. All candidates may be seen here:
http://www.problemistasajedrez.com.ar/the-study-of-the-year-2014/
The winner was:

Pervakov, Oleg - & Sumbatyan, Karen
2nd Pr. Dobrescu-80 JT, 2014
Study of the Year 2014



White to play and draw

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1.♗f5 Neither

1.♔xd5? ♘xh7nor 1.♗g8? d4! would do the trick.

1...d4 2.♘xh5+ ♔h6 3.♗d2! ♔xh5

3...e3 4.♗xd3 exd2 5.♗e2 ♘xh3 6.♘f6

4.♗g4+ ♔g6

4...♔h4 5.♗e1+ ♗f2 6.♗xf2#

5.♗f5+ ♔h5 More challenging than immediately

5...♔h6 6.h4 ♗e3 7.hxg5+ ♗xg5 8.♗xe4=

6.♗g4+ ♔h6 7.h4 ♗e3 8.hxg5+ The ending following

8.♗xe3? dxe3 9.hxg5+ ♔xg5 10.♗d1 ♗b1 11.♗e2 ♗c2! 12.♔d4 ♔f4 leves white no hope.

8...♔xg5 9.♗e2!! with 2 echo- lines: **9...♗xe2** Or

9...♗xd2 10.♗xd3 exd3 11.♔xd4

10.♗xe3+ dxe3 11.♔xe4 1/2-1/2

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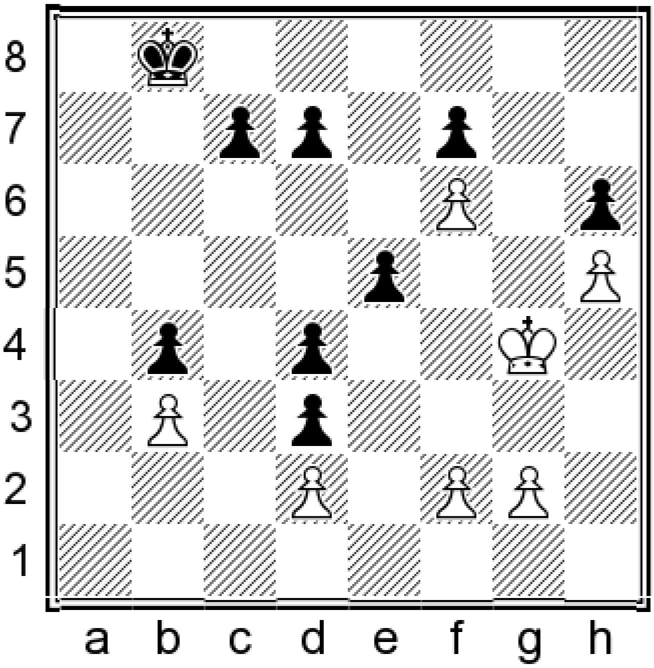
1. Katsnelson, Leonard
1st Pr. Grigoriev-120 MT, 2015



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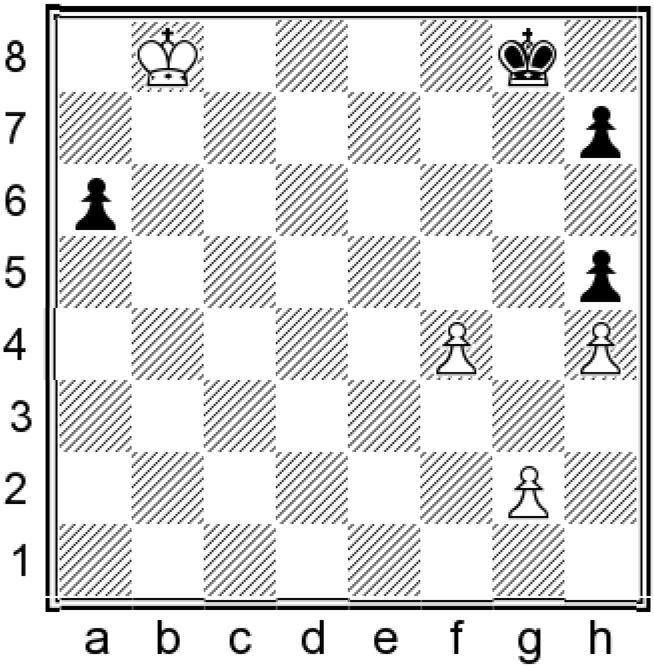
1.♔f5 c5 2.♔xe5 c4 3.♔e4!!

3.♔xd4? cxb3 4.♔xd3 ♔c7 5.g4 ♔d6 6.g5 ♔e6 (6...♔e5 7.gxh6 ♔xf6 8.f3! d6! 9.f4 d5 10.f5 d4Θ-+)

3...cxb3 4.♔xd3 ♔c7 5.g4 ♔d6 6.g5 ♔e5 7.gxh6 ♔xf6 8.f3! d6 9.f4 d5 10.f5+- Themes: Reciprocal zugzwang;

Logical try **1-0**

2. Aliev, Ilham
2nd Pr. Grigoriev-120 MT, 2015



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1.♔c7! a5 2.♔d6! a4 3.♔e7 a3 4.f5 a2 5.f6 a1=Q 6.f7+ ♔g7 7.f8=Q+ ♔g6 8.♕f7+!

8.♕g8+? ♕g7+ 9.♕xg7+ ♔xg7=

8...♔h6 9.♕f4+!

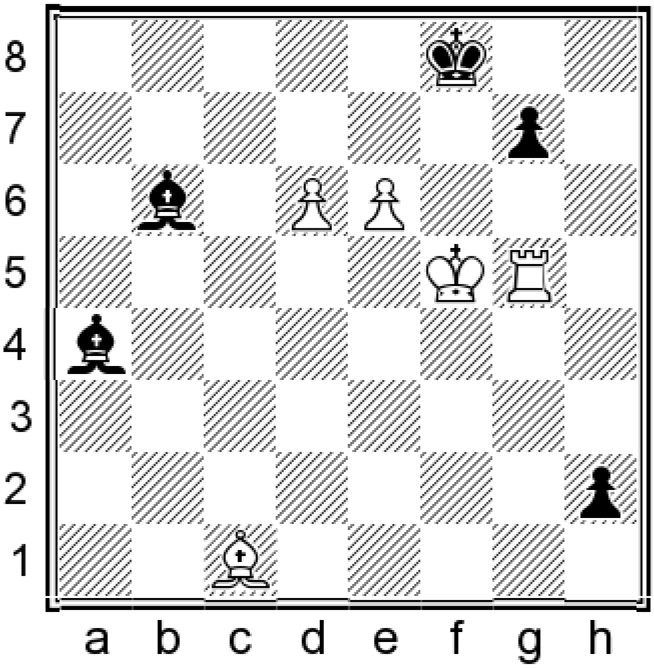
9.♕f6+? ♕xf6+ 10.♔xf6=

9...♔g7 10.♕g5+ ♔h8 11.♕f6+ ♕xf6+ 12.♔xf6 ♔g8 13.♔g5 ♔g7 14.♔xh5 ♔g8! 15.♔h6 ♔h8 16.h5 ♔g8 17.g3Θ ♔h8 18.g4 ♔g8 19.g5 ♔h8 20.g6 hxg6

20...♔g8 21.g7 ♔f7 22.♔xh7+-

21.hxg6 ♔g8 22.g7+- Themes: Reciprocal Zugzwang; Festina lente; Liquidation; Stalemate **1-0**

3. Ryabinin, Nikolai
1st Pr. Fokin-90 JT, 2015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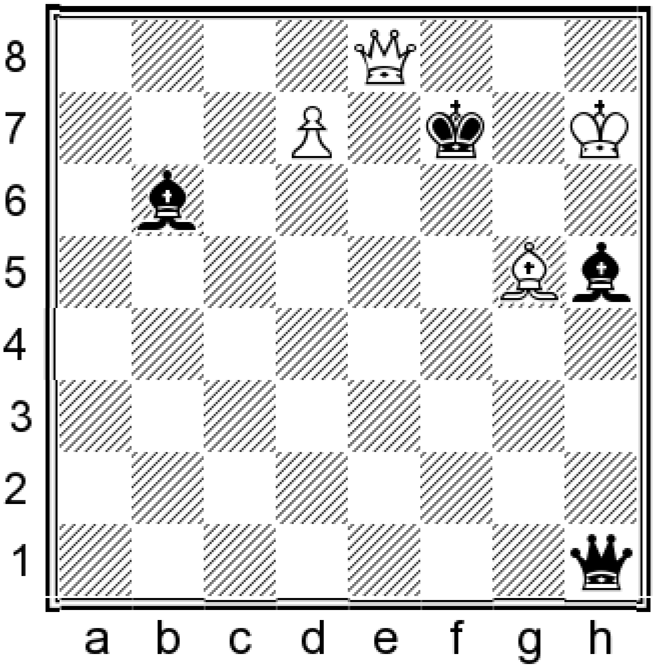
1.♖h5 g6+! 2.♔xg6 ♗e8+ 3.♔h7!

3.♔f6? ♗xh5-+ 4.♗h6+ ♔g8-+

3...♗xh5 4.♗h6+! ♔e8 5.♗g5 ♔f8!

5...h1=Q 6.d7+ ♔f8 7.e7+ ♔f7 8.e8=Q#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6.♗e7+

6.d7?! ♗e8! 7.e7+ (7.♗h6+ ♔e7 8.♗g5+=) 7...♔f7 8.d8=N+ ♗xd8 9.exd8=Q (Or 9.exd8=N+ ♔f8 10.♘e6+ ♔f7

11.♘d8+=) 9...h1=Q+!=

6...♔e8 7.♗h4! ♔f8 8.d7 ♗d8!

8...♗e8 9.e7+ ♔f7 10.d8=N+! (10.d8=Q? h1=Q-+) 10...♗xd8 11.exd8=Q h1=Q 12.♕f6#

9.♗xd8 ♗e8!

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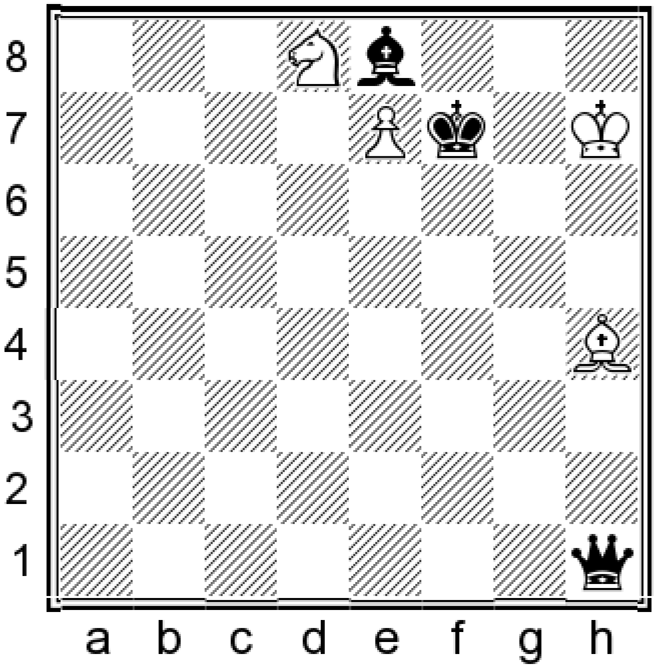
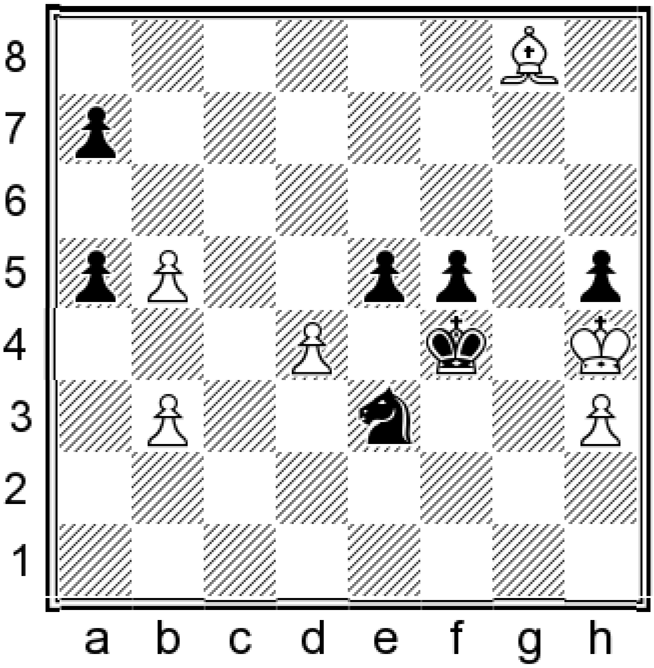


Themes: Model mate; Underpromotion; Deflection **1-0**

4. Tarasiuk, Vladislav
2nd Pr. Fokin-90 JT, 2015



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1.d5

1.b6? axb6 2.d5 ♘xd5 3.♗xd5 b5-+

1...♘g4!

1...♘xd5 2.♗xd5 e4 3.♗f7 e3 4.♗xh5+-

2.b6!! tematic try:

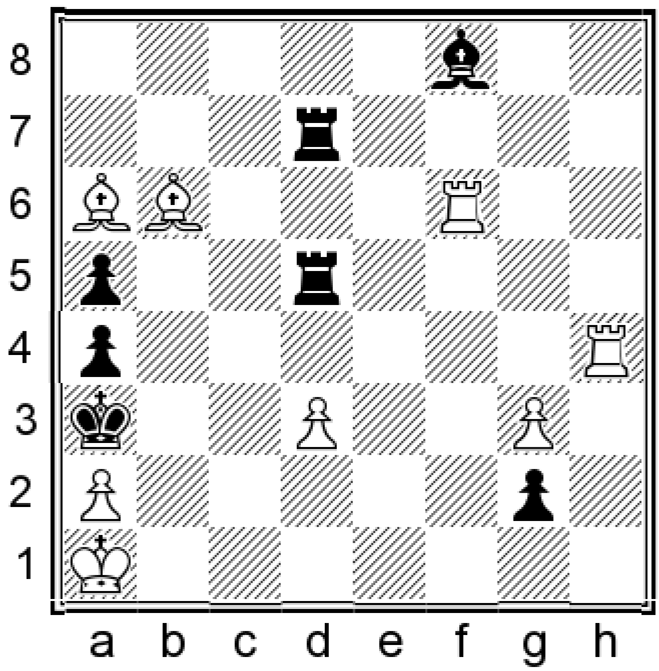
2.hxg4?! hxg4 3.d6 (3.b6? g3 4.bxa7 g2 5.a8=Q g1=Q-+) 3...g3 4.♗d5 (4.♔h3 ♔f3 5.d7 g2 6.d8=Q g1=Q=) (4.d7 g2 5.d8=Q g1=Q 6.♔h5 ♕h2+=) 4...e4 5.♗xe4 fxe4 6.d7 g2 7.d8=Q g1=Q 8.♕f8+ ♔e5=

2...axb6 3.hxg4 hxg4 4.d6 g3 5.♗d5

5.d7?! g2 6.d8=Q g1=Q=

5...e4 6.♗xe4! fxe4 7.d7 g2 8.d8=Q g1=Q 9.♕f6+ ♔e3 10.♕xb6++- Themes: Logical try; Skewer **1-0**

5. Slumstrup Nielsen, Steffen
1st Pr. Keith-62 JT, 2015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1.♖c4

1.♖xf8? ♖e5 2.♔b1 ♖d6 3.♗a7 ♖xa6=1.♗e3? g1=Q+ 2.♗xg1 ♗g7=

1...♖c7

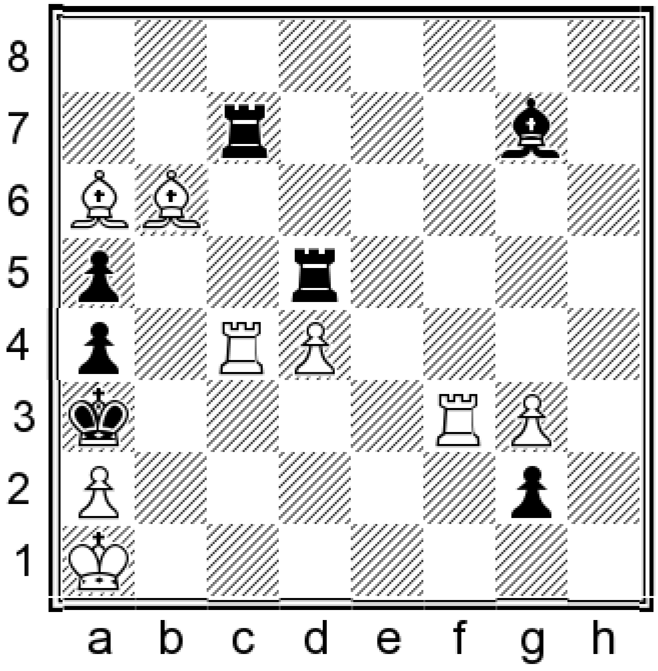
1...♗g7 2.♖c3+ ♔b4 3.♔b2 a3+ 4.♔c2+-1...♖e7 2.♖c3+ ♔b4 3.♖c1 ♗g7 4.♗d4 g1=Q 5.♗c3+ ♔c5 6.♖xg1+-

2.♖f3

2.♖xc7? ♗c5 (2...♖c5)

2...♖d4

2...♗g7+ 3.d4#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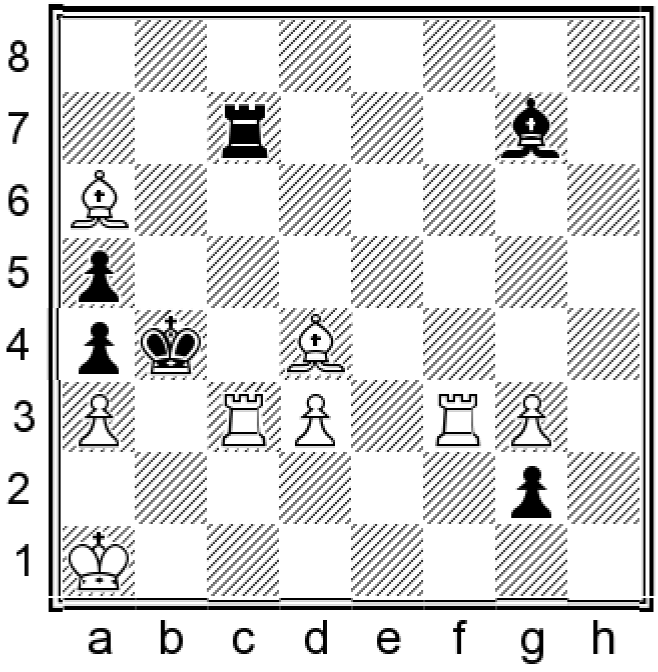
4...♔b4 5.a3#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5.♗c5+!! ♖xc5+ 6.d4+ ♖c3!

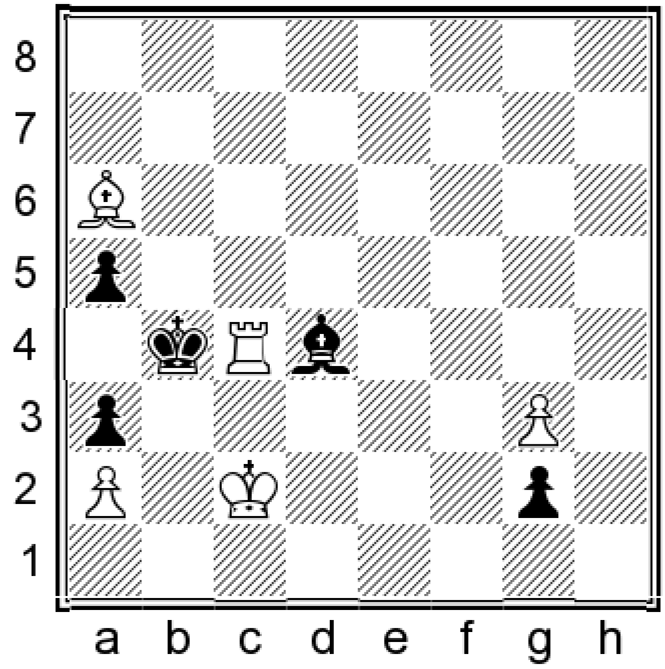
6...♔b4 7.a3#

7.♖xc3+ ♔b4 8.♔b2 a3+

8...♗xd4 9.a3#

9.♔c2 a4

9...♗xd4 10.♖c4#



10.♖c5 ♗xd4

10...g1=Q 11.♖b5+ ♔c4 12.♖b1++-

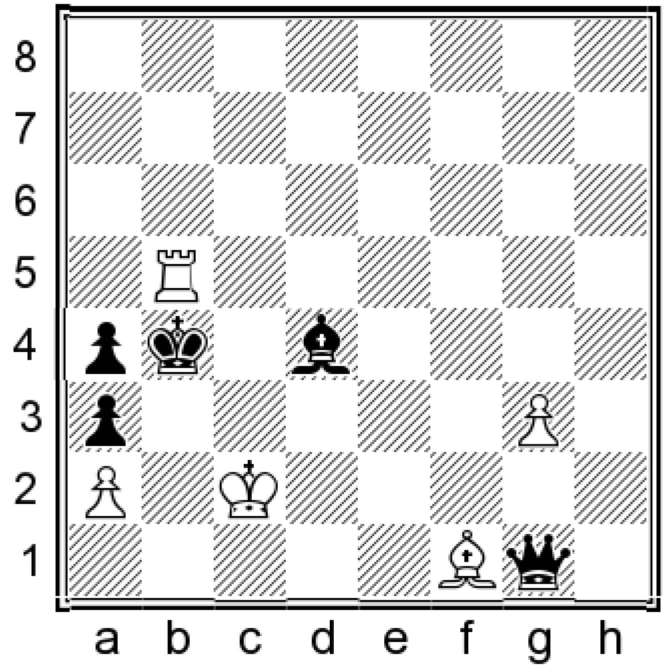
11.♖b5+ ♔c4 12.♖f5+!

12.♖g5+? ♔b4 13.♗e2 ♗c5

12...♔b4 13.♗f1! g1=Q

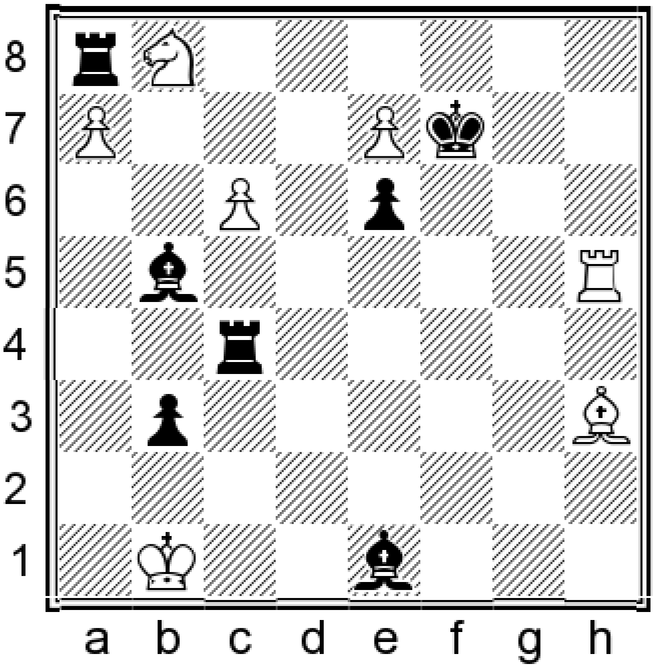
13...gxf1=Q 14.♖xf1+-

14.♖b5#



Themes: Mate; Battery; Obstruction; Cross-check **1-0**

6. Minski, Martin
1st Pr. Ibran-80 JT, 2015



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1.♖h7+!

1.♖xb5? ♔xe7 2.♖b7+ ♔d6=1.♗xe6+? ♔xe7 2.♗xc4 ♗xc4= 3.c7 ♗e6 4.♖e5 ♔d6 5.♖xe6+ ♔xc7

1...♔e8 2.♗xe6 [3.Bd7#] **2...♖d4**

2...♖xa7 3.♗f7+! ♔xe7 4.♗xc4+ ♔d8 (4...♔d6 5.♖xa7 ♗xc4 6.♖d7++-) 5.♖h8+! (5.♖xa7? ♗xc4 6.c7+ ♔c8=) 5...♔c7 6.♗xb5 ♔b6 7.♘a6! ♗g3 (7...♔xb5 8.c7+-) 8.♖h5 ♖xa6 (8...♖e7 9.♘b4 ♖e5 10.♖xe5 ♗xe5 11.♘d3+-) 9.♗xa6 ♔xa6 10.♖h3 ♗c7 11.♖xb3+-

3.c7

3.♗f5? ♗d3+ 4.♗xd3 ♖xd3=3.♗d7+? ♖xd7 4.cxd7+ ♗xd7 5.♘xd7 ♗c3!=

3...♖d1+ 4.♔b2 ♖d2+ 5.♔xb3 ♗a4+!

5...♖d3+ 6.♔b2 ♖d2+ 7.♔c1+-

6.♔xa4 ♖xa7+ 7.♘a6! ♖xa6+

7...♖d4+ 8.♔b5+-

8.♔b5 ♖a5+!

8...♖c2 9.♗f7+ ♔xe7 10.♗b3+ /Bg6+ 10...♔d6 11.♗xc2 ♖a5+ 12.♔b6 ♖c5 13.♖h6++-8...♖a8 9.♖h8+ ♔xe7 10.♖xa8+-

9.♔xa5 ♖c2+

9...♖d7+ 10.♔b6 ♗a5+ 11.♔xa5 ♖xc7 12.♔b4Θ+-

10.♔b6 ♗a5+!

10...♗f2+ 11.♔b7+-

11.♔xa5 ♖c5+!

11...♖xc7 12.♔b4! Θ

12.♔a4!! thematic try

12.♔b4? ♖xc7Θ 13.♖g7 (13.♔b5 ♖c5+! 14.♔xc5=) 13...♖b7+ 14.♔c3 ♖c7+ 15.♔d4 ♖c6! 16.♗c4 ♖d6+ 17.♔c5 (17.♔e5 ♖e6+! 18.♔f5 (18.♗xe6=) 18...♖xe7=) 17...♖d7! 18.♗e6 (18.♗b5) 18...♖c7+ 19.♔d4 ♖c6 20.♗f7+ ♔xe7 21.♗d5+ ♔f6! (21...♔f8? 22.♖g8++-) 22.♖f7+ ♔g6=12.♔b6? ♖b5+! 13.♔c6 ♖c5+ 14.♔d6 ♖d5+ 15.♔c6 ♖c5+ 16.♔b6 ♖b5+ 17.♔a6 ♖a5+ 18.♔b7 ♖b5+ 19.♔c8 ♖b8+ 20.cxb8=Q=

12...♖xc7 13.♔b4! Θ

13.♔b5? ♖c5+! 14.♔xc5 =

13...♖b7+ main

13...♖xe7 14.♖h8#

14.♔c3 /Kc4/Kc5 **14...♖c7+ 15.♔d4!**

15.♔d3? ♖c3+! 16.♔d4 ♖d3+ 17.♔c5 ♖e3! 18.♔d6 ♖xe6+! 19.♔xe6 =15.♔d2? ♖c2+! 16.♔xc2=

15...♖c6

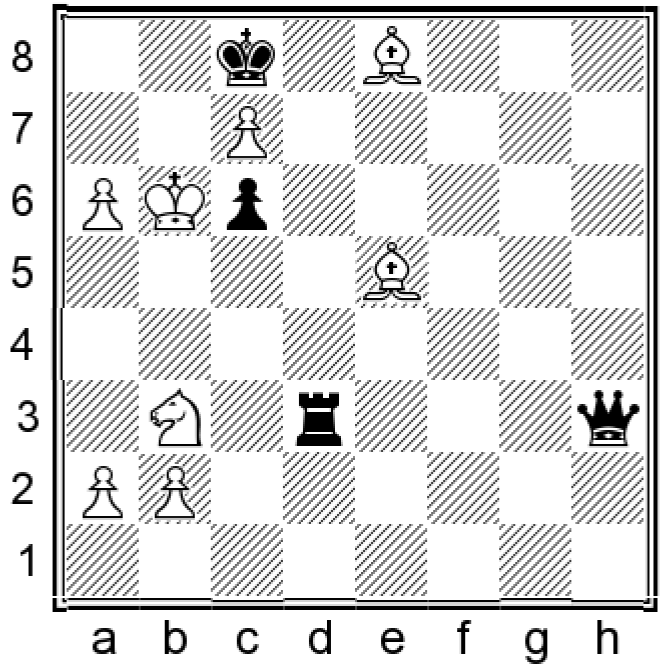
15...♖c4+ 16.♗xc4+-

16.♗f7+

16.♗c4? ♖d6+ 17.♔c5 ♖d7! 18.♗e6 ♖c7+ 19.♔d4 ♖c616.♗f5? ♖d6+ 17.♔e5 ♖e6+! 18.♔f4 (18.♗xe6=) 18...♖xe7 19.♖h8+ ♔f7 20.♔g5 ♔g7! 21.♖h7+ ♔f8=

16...♔xe7 17.♗d5++- Themes: Battery; Reciprocal zugzwang; Logical try; Sacrificial play; Stalemate; Mate **1-0**

7. Pervakov, Oleg
2nd Pr. Ibran-80 JT , 2015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1.♗d7+!! Try

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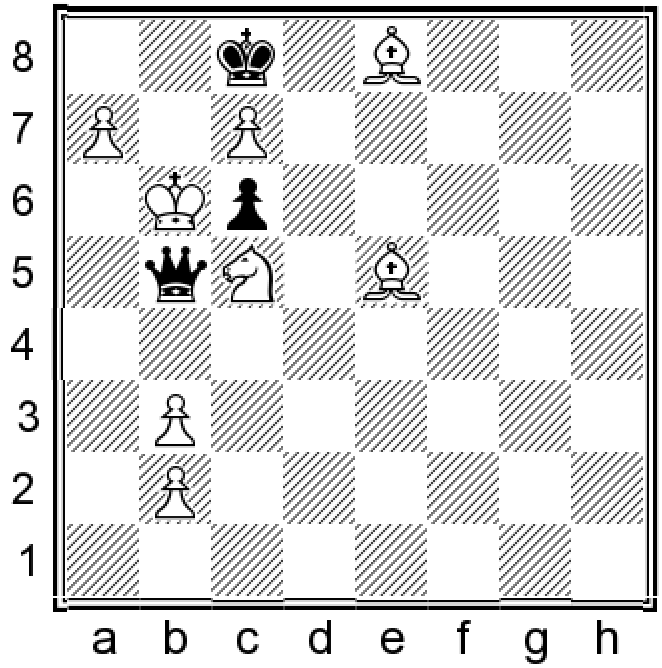
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) 2...♖b3+! 3.♘xb3 ♕c4! 4.♘d4 ♕c5+! 5.♔xc5=1.a7? ♖xb3+

1...♔xd7!

1...♖xd7 2.a7 ♕e3+ 3.♘c5+-1...♕xd7 2.a7 ♖xb3+ 3.axb3+-

2.♘c5+ ♔c8

2...♔e7 3.a7 ♕c8 4.♘xd3+-

3.♗c3!! Logical try

3.a7?! ♖a3! 4.bxa3 ♕xa3 5.♘a6 ♕e3+! 6.♘c5 ♕a3 7.a8=Q+ or positional draw 7...♕xa8 8.a4 ♕a5+! (8...♕a7+! also) 9.♔xa5=3.b3? ♕f1!-+

3...♖xc3

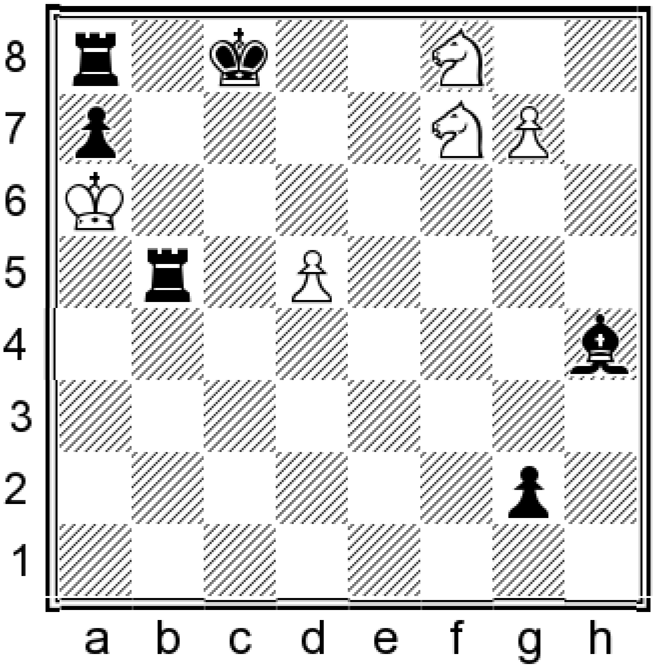
3...♕g3 4.a7 ♕xc7+ 5.♔a6+-

4.a7 ♖a3! 5.bxa3 ♕xa3

5...♕b3+ 6.♘xb3!+-

6.a8=Q+! ♕xa8 7.a4!+- Themes: Domination; Logical try; Stalermate; Sacrificial play **1-0**

8. Arestov,Pavel & Skripnik, Anatoly
2nd Pr. Berger-170 MT , 2015



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1.♘d6+!

1.g8=Q? ♖b6+ 2.♔a5 ♔b7 3.♕xg2 ♖xf8=

1...♔b8

1...♔c7 2.♘xb5++-1...♔d8 2.g8=Q ♖b6+ 3.♔a5 ♖xd6 4.♘e6++-

2.g8=Q ♖b6+ 3.♔a5 ♖xd6 4.♘e6+!

4.♕xg2? ♗d8+ 5.♔a4 ♔b7=4.♘d7+? ♔c7=

4...♗d8+!

4...♔b7 5.♕f7++-

5.♘xd8 g1=Q!

5...♖xd5+ 6.♕xd5! g1=Q 7.♕b7#

6.♕xg1 ♖xd5+ 7.♔a6 ♖d6+!

7...♖xd8 8.♕c5 /g7+-

8.♔b5!

8.♔a5? ♖xd8=

8...a6+!

8...♖xd8 9.♕g3+ ♔b7 10.♕g7+ ♔c8 11.♔c6+-

9.♔a4! Thematic Try :

9.♔a5? ♖xd8 10.♕b6+ ♔c8 11.♕c6+ ♔b8 zz 12.♔b6 ♖a7!=

9...♖xd8 10.♕b6+ ♔c8 11.♕c6+ ♔b8 12.♔a5Θ ♖h8

12...♖c8 13.♕b6#

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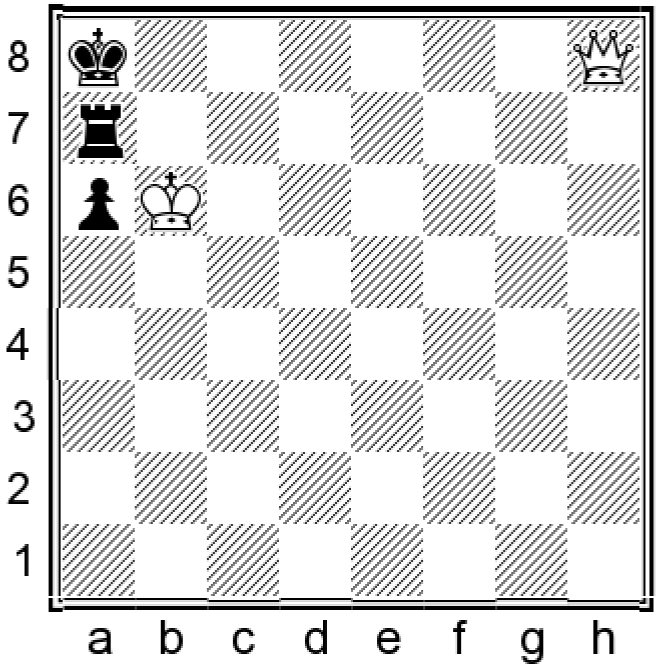
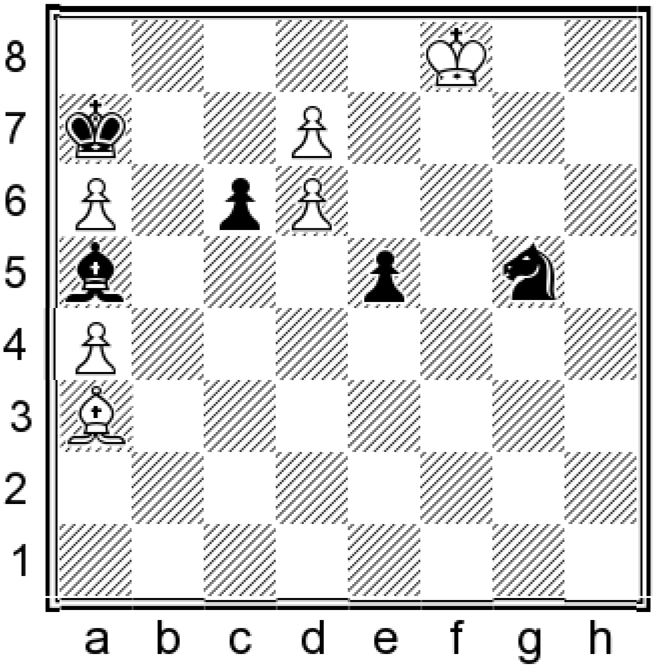


Themes: Reciprocal zugzwang; Logical try; Domination; Cross check; Mate **1-0**

9. Miguel Gonzalez, Luis
3rd Pr. Berger-170 MT , 2015



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1.♔e7 ♘e4! 2.♗b4!

2.d8=Q? ♗xd8+ 3.♔xd8 ♘xd6=

2...♗b6 3.a5 ♗f2!

3...♗e3 4.♔e6 ♗g5 5.♔f5 c5 6.♗d2 ♘xd6+ 7.♔xg5 ♔xa6 8.♔f6 ♘b7 9.♔xe5 ♔b5 10.♔d5 c4 11.♗e1 ♘d8 12.♔d6 ♘b7+ 13.♔c7 ♘c5 14.d8=N+-

4.♔e6!

4.d8=Q? ♗h4+ 5.♔d7 ♗xd8 6.♔xd8 ♘xd6=

4...♘g5+! 5.♔f6!

5.♔f5? ♘f7 6.♔g6 ♘d8 7.♗d2 ♗h4=

5...♗h4

5...♘h7+ 6.♔g7 ♘g5 7.♗c5+ ♗xc5 8.♔f6 ♘e4+ 9.♔g6 ♘xd6 10.d8=Q+-

6.♗e1! ♘e4+ 7.♔xe5!

7.♔f5? ♘xd6+ 8.♔e6 ♗d8 9.♔xd6 e4! 10.♔xc6 ♔xa6 11.♔d5 e3 12.♔e4 e2 13.♔e3 ♗e7 14.♔xe2 ♔b7 15.♔d3 ♔c6 16.a6 ♔b6=

7...♘f6! 8.♗xh4

8.d8=Q? ♘g4+ 9.♔f4 ♗xd8 10.♔xg4 ♔xa6 11.♔f5 c5=8.♔f5!

8...♘xd7+ 9.♔f5!

9.♔e6? ♘c5+ 10.♔e7 ♔xa6 11.♗e1 ♘b7 12.d7 ♔b5=

9...♔xa6 10.♗f2!

10.♗d8? c5 11.♔e6 ♘f8+ 12.♔e7 ♘g6+ 13.♔f7 ♘e5+ 14.♔e6 ♘c6 15.♗b6 c4=

10...c5 11.♔e6 ♘b8

11...♘f8+ 12.♔e7 ♘g6+ 13.♔f7 ♘e5+ 14.♔e6 ♘c6 15.d7+-

12.♗xc5!

12.♗e1? c4 13.♔d5 ♔b5 14.♗c3 ♘d7=

12...♔xa5 13.♗a7 ♘c6 14.d7!

14.♔d5? ♔b5 15.d7 ♘d8 16.♗d4 ♘b7!=

14...♘d8+ 15.♔d6! ♔b5 16.♗d4ʘ+- Themes: Reciprocal zugzwang; Battery; Deflection **1-0**

TOURNAMENTS

ACQUI TERME, XI 2015
The 25th FIDE World Senior Chess Championships

World Senior 50+

(100 players, 11 rounds)

1. Pr. Nikolić (BIH) 9½, 2. Rozentalis (LTU) 9, 3. G. Mohr (SLO) 8½, 4. Garcia Palermo (ITA) 8, 5–11. Alexa. Ivanov (USA), Bagaturov (GEO), Roselli Mailhe (URU), Kalegin (RUS), Wiedenkeller (LUX), Soylu (TUR), F. Berend (LUX) 7½, 12–20. K. Arkell (ENG), Fabio Bruno (ITA), E. Julia (ARG), Šorm (CZE), F. Bellia (ITA), Ig. Efimov (MNC), Ribbegren (MNC), G. Llanos (ARG), Jens Kristiansen (DEN) 7, 21–29. R. McKay (SCO), Ahmad Ismail (MAS), D. Cummings (CAN), D. Contin (ITA), M. Berkovich (ISR), Ar. Shevelev (ISR), V. Malinin (RUS), M. Venturino (ITA), Ale. Vieira (BRA) 6½, etc.

World Senior 65+

(185 players, 11 rounds)

1. Okhotnik (FRA) 9½, 2. Vaïsser (FRA) 8½, 3–6. Kupreichik (BLR), Vasiukov (RUS), Val. Bogdanov (UKR), Butnorius (MNC) 8, 7–16. Y. Balashov (RUS), Pushkov (RUS), Vl. Karasev (RUS), A. Aparicio (ARG), Mar. Leskovar (ARG), Böhnisch (GER), V. Zhelnin (RUS), B. Gutkin (ISR), Shvedchikov (RUS), Giffard (FRA) 7½, 17–31. Birnboim (ISR), Rooze (BEL), Pritchett (SCO), Cle. Werner (GER), Maryasin (ISR), H. van Riemsdijk (BRA), Ma. Kierzek (GER), Kh. Harandi (IRI), Lederman (ISR), Bent Sørensen (DEN), Simon Padrós (ESP), Sloth (DEN), Taksrud (NOR), C. Micheli (ITA), Th. Harestad (NOR) 7, etc.

Ladies 50+

(17 players, 9 rounds)

1–4. Strutinskaia (RUS), Makropoulou (GRE), Petra Schulz (GER), H. Mira (AUT) 6, 5–8. N. Melashvili (GEO), T. Bogumil (RUS), E. Sazonova (RUS), S. Mednikova (RUS) 5½, etc.

Ladies 65+

(round-robin tournament)

1. N. Gaprindashvili (GEO) 7, 2. Khmiadashvili (GEO) 6½, 3–4. Tsifanskaya (ISR), Kozlovskaya (RUS) 6, 5. Fatalibekova (RUS) 5½, 6. T. Sorokina (RUS) 5, 7. L. Kuznetsova (RUS) 4½, 8. Lebel-Arias (MNC) 3, 9. Abdikasova (KAZ) 1, 10. I. Kabanova (RUS) ½

REYKJAVÍK, XI 2015
The 20th European Team Championship

Open section:

(36 teams, 9 rounds)

1. Russia (RUS) 15*/224.5**/22.5*** [Svidler 5/8, A. Grischuk 3/6, Tomashevsky 4½/7, Nepomniachtchi 5/8, D. Jakovenko 5/7], 2. Armenia (ARM) 13/220.5/22.5 [Aronian 6/9, Sargissian 5½/8, S. Movsesian 3½/7, H. Melkumyan 6½/9, K. H. Grigoryan 1/3], 3. Magyarország (HUN) 13/217/22.5 [P. Lékó 4/9, R. Rapport 6½/9, Z. Almási 5½/8, F. Berkes 3/5, Cs. Balogh 3½/5], 4. France (FRA) 13/211.5/21 [Vachier-Lagrave 6/9, Fressinet 4/8, Edouard 2/5, E. Bacrot 5/8, Tkachiev 4/6], 5. Ukraine (UKR) 12/185/20 [Ivanchuk 3½/8, Eljanov 5/7, Y. Kryvoruchko 3½/7, A. Korobov 4½/7, A. Areshchenko 3½/7], 6. Deutschland (GER) 12/168.5/19.5 [Nisipeanu 3½/8,

Geo. Meier 3½/7, D. Fridman 4½/8, Buhmann 4½/7, De. Wagner 3½/6], 7. Azerbaijan (AZE) 11/182.5/20.5, 8. España (ESP) 11/180.5/21, 9. Georgia (GEO) 11/180.5/20.5, 10. England (ENG) 11/165.5/19, 11. Nederland (NED) 11/163.5/20.5, 12. Česko (CZE) 11/160/21, 13. Polska (POL) 10/165/18.5, 14. Moldova (MDA) 10/162.5/19.5, 15. Italia (ITA) 10/161.5/19, 16. Srbija (SRB) 9/161/18.5, 17. Türkiye (TUR) 9/134/18.5, 18. Latvija (LAT) 9/128/18.5, 19. Ísland (ISL) 9/125.5/18.5, 20. Slovenija (SLO) 9/120/18.5, 21. Norge (NOR) 8/154.5/18.5, 22. România (ROU) 8/136/19.5, 23. Hrvatska (CRO) 8/130.5/17, 24. Greece (GRE) 8/121.5/16, 25. Suomi (FIN) 8/112/15.5, 26. Lietuva (LTU) 8/108/16.5, etc.

Women's section:
(30 teams, 9 rounds)

1. Russia (RUS) 17/268.5/26 [A. Kosteniuk 5½/8, Lagno 6½/9, Gunina 5/8, Goryachkina 7/8, A. Bodnaruk 2/3], 2. Ukraine (UKR) 15/281.5/27.5 [M. Muzychuk 7/8, A. Muzychuk 5½/9, N. Zhukova 6/8, Ushenina 6/7, I. Gaponenko 3/4], 3. Georgia (GEO) 14/196.5/20.5 [Dzagnidze 4/7, Khotenashvili 3½/7, L. Javakhishvili 5½/7, Batsiashvili 5½/9, M. Arabidze 2/6], 4. Polska (POL) 11/194/20.5, 5. France (FRA) 11/185.5/21, 6. Deutschland (GER) 11/169.5/20.5, 7. Magyarország (HUN) 11/162/19, 8. Italia (ITA) 11/152/20, 9. Österreich (AUT) 11/147/18, 10. România (ROU) 10/153/18, 11. Armenia (ARM) 10/149.5/19, 12. España (ESP) 10/145.5/20, 13. Greece (GRE) 10/145.5/19.5, 14. Srbija (SRB) 9/164/19, 15. Nederland (NED) 9/154.5/20, 16. Azerbaijan (AZE) 9/126.5/19.5, 17. Slovenija (SLO) 9/105.5/18.5, 18. Latvija (LAT) 8/145.5/19, 19. Türkiye (TUR) 8/141.5/18.5, 20. Česko (CZE) 8/102/16, 21. Crna Gora (MNE) 8/93.5/14.5, 22. Sverige (SWE) 8/68.5/14.5, etc.

* Tie Break 1: Matchpoints (2 for wins, 1 for Draws, 0 for Losses)
** Tie Break 2: Olympiad-Sonneborn-Berger-Tie-Break without lowest result
*** Tie Break 3: points (game-points)

THIRUVARUR, XI 2015

cat. XI (2501)

The 53rd Indian Championship

1–2. S. Vidit, Mur. Karthikeyan 8½, 3. S. P. Sethuraman 8, 4. P. Karthikeyan 7½, 5. Ar. Das 7, 6–8. Sundar M. Shyam, K. Praneeth Surya, Rathnakaran 6½, 9–10. A. Kunte, Neelotpal 6, 11–12. D. Sengupta, S. Dh. Swapnil 5½, 13–14. Shyaamnikhil, M. R. Venkatesh 4½

LEGNICA, XI 2015

cat. X (2483)

The 31st Voivoda Cup

1. Alexa. Donchenko 7, 2. Marc. Kanarek 6, 3. Warakomski 5½, 4. K. Stupak 5, 5. P. Sabuk 4½, 6–7. R. Gajek, And. Kovalev 4, 8. Sieciechowicz 3½, 9. K. Stachowiak 3, 10. P. Šimáček 2½

BEOGRAD, XI–XII 2015

The 29th Belgrade Trophy

(182 players, 9 rounds)

1–2. B. Damljanović, Nabaty 7½, 3–6. Drago. Jaćimović, S. Atalik, Vishnu Prasanna, D. Pikula 7, 7–16. Da. Stojanović, Mih. Radovanović, Da. Milanović, G. M. Todorović, M. Tošić, Du. Radovanović, I. Tišma, Radlovački, B. Abramović, Siva Mahadevan 6½, 17–28. Baglan, M. M. Ivanov, Ivan Martić (929301), K. Peev, Mašić, M. Vukić, Paštar, Yermolinsky, Sr. Cvetković, Lu. Pavlović, R. Svićević, Ma. Živković 6, etc.

MILANO, XI–XII 2015

cat. X (2490)

The 75th Italian Championship

1–3. Dvirnyy, Ax. Rombaldoni, Alb. David 7, 4–7. L. Moroni jr., S. Brunello, P. L. Basso, D. Vocaturo 6½, 8. A. Valsecchi 5½, 9. Godena 5, 10. F. Bellia 4, 11. A. Bove 2½, 12. G. Borgo 2

LONDON, XII 2015

cat. XXII (2784)

The 7th London Chess Classic
The third and final event of the Grand Chess Tour 2015

Drawing of Lots: Drawing of lots will be determined by a blitz tournament at Norway Chess 2015. Pairing numbers will be drawn randomly at the Sinquefield Cup. Pairings for the London Chess Classic will be determined prior to the event. The colors will be reversed from Saint Louis with Michael Adams playing the opposite colors to Sinquefield Cup wild card Wesley So. The players will be placed in two groups of five. Viswanathan Anand, Fabiano Caruana, Alexander Grischuk, Veselin Topalov and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave will play five games with the white pieces in London and will be randomly allocated numbers 1–5. Michael Adams, Levon Aronian, Magnus Carlsen, Anish Giri and Hikaru Nakamura will play five games with the black pieces in London and will be randomly allocated numbers 6–10.

Time Control: 120 minutes for 40 moves + 60 minutes to the end of the game, with a 30 second increment from move 41.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		GTP
1	M. CARLSEN	g	2834	■	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	5½	12
2	A. GIRI	g	2784	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	5½	10
3	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2773	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	5½	8
4	ARONIAN	g	2788	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	5	7
5	A. GRISCHUK	g	2747	0	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	½	4½	6
6	F. CARUANA	g	2787	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	4½	4½
7	MI. ADAMS	g	2737	½	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	4½	4½
8	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2793	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	■	1	½	4	3
9	V. ANAND	g	2796	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	0	■	1	3½	2
10	V. TOPALOV	g	2803	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	■	2½	1

GTP – Grand Tour Points

Tiebreak regulations: The two players placed lowest on tiebreak shall contest a two game Rapidplay match at a time limit of Game (25 minutes + 5 second increment) move throughout. Lots shall be drawn to decide which player has White in the first game. If the two game Rapidplay match is drawn the players shall contest an Armageddon Game. The successful player in that game shall then play the player with the highest tiebreak in accordance with the procedure for two players specified in Regulation 6.

			1	2	3*	
VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2773	0	1	1	2
A. GIRI	g	2784	1	0	0	1

* Armageddon

			1	2	
M. CARLSEN	g	2834	1	½	1½
VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2773	0	½	½

GRAND CHESS TOUR STANDINGS

	Norway	Saint Louis	London	Total

1	M. CARLSEN	4	10	12*	26
2	A. GIRI	7	6	10	23
3	ARONIAN	2	13*	7	22
4	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	5	7	8	20
5	HI. NAKAMURA	8	8	3	19
6	V. TOPALOV	13*	4	1	18
7	A. GRISCHUK	3	5	6	14
8	V. ANAND	10	2	2	14
9	F. CARUANA	6	3	4½	13½
10	MI. ADAMS	N/A	N/A	4½	4½
11	J. HAMMER	1	N/A	N/A	1
12	W. SO	N/A	1	N/A	1

* Any player who wins an event outright shall be awarded 13 Tour Points. If 1st place is determined by playoff, they earn 12 points.

2016 Qualification: The top-three players from the 2015 Grand Chess Tour qualify automatically for the 2016 Grand Chess Tour. The next six players by rating shall also be invited to participate in the 2016 Grand Chess Tour. Ratings will be the average of each monthly FIDE supplement from February through December inclusive, as well as the live ratings after the 2015 London Chess Classic.

LONDON (open), XII 2015
7th London Chess Classic FIDE Open

(247 players, 9 rounds)

1. B. Bok 8, 2—7. Postny, Jumabayev, Eric Hansen, Jo. Hawkins, J. Vakhidov, D. Sadzikowski 7, 8—19. Gharamian, H. Melkumyan, Lenderman, K. Dragun, Tal Baron, Hillarp Persson, Vishnu Prasanna, Gledura, T. Fodor jr., Galyas, Pe. Wells, Pio. Nguyen 6½, 20—41. Edouard, S. Grigoriants, F. Rambaldi, E. Blomqvist, Swayams, Mads Andersen, Hebden, J. Bartholomew, A. Cherniaev (4117301), Wegerle, Tho. Koop, Korley, Kiik, Dav. Martins, Guramishvili, Lokander, Tania, Fa. Englert, Beinoras, Vuilleumier, V. Ap. Karthik, Kalaiyalahan 6, etc.

LONDON (rapid), XII 2015
7th London Chess Classic Super Rapidplay

(368 players, 10 Rounds)

Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move

1. McShane 9½, 2. H. Melkumyan 8½, 3—11. Lenderman, Eric Hansen, N. Pert, Edouard, J. Hammer, S. Grigoriants, Jumabayev, D. Eggleston, T. Fodor jr. 8, 12—17. D. Howell, Gharamian, A. Cherniaev (4117301), K. Arkell, Dani. H. Fernandez, Gullaksen 7½, 18—43. Sadler, Kasimdzhanov, Jo. Hawkins, Ch. Bauer, Hebden, A. Ghasi, G. Jones, B. Bok, Speelman, Rowson, Hillarp Persson, Strugnell, Zhou Yang-Fan, Rendle, Zujev, K. Dragun, N. McDonald, Haria, T.-M. Georgescu, Kilpatrick, J. Hector, Hamitevici, C. R. G. Krishna, Suárez Real, Haussernot, V. Ap. Karthik 7, etc.

LONDON, XII 2015
The British Knockout Championship 2015

Time Control:

Games 1 & 2: 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes to the end of the game, with a 30 seconds increment from move one.
Games 3 & 4 (rapid): 15 minutes plus 5 seconds increment per move.
Game 5 (Armageddon): 6 minutes vs 5 minutes with 3 seconds increment per move/from move 61.

Quarter-finals:

			1	2	
D. HOWELL	g	2688	1	½	1½
ZHOU YANG-FAN	m	2459	0	½	½

			1	2	
DANI. H. FERNANDEZ	m	2479	0	0	0
McSHANE	g	2669	1	1	2

			1	2	3	4	5	
N. PERT	g	2572	½	½	0	1	1	3
JO. HAWKINS	g	2569	½	½	1	0	0	2

			1	2	
G. JONES	g	2620	½	1	1½
ROWSON	g	2569	½	0	½

Semi-finals:

			1	2	3	4	5	
D. HOWELL	g	2688	1	0	½	½	1	3
G. JONES	g	2620	0	1	½	½	0	2

			1	2	3	4	
N. PERT	g	2572	½	½	1	1	3
McSHANE	g	2669	½	½	0	0	1

Final:
six standardplay games followed by a playoff if necessary

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
N. PERT	g	2572	½	0	½	½	½	0	2
D. HOWELL	g	2688	½	1	½	½	½	1	4

LVIV, XII 2015
The 84th Ukrainian Championship

cat. XV (2611)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	A. VOLOKITIN	g	2628	■	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	1	0	7	1–3
2	KRAVTSIV	g	2623	½	■	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	7	1–3
3	Z. EFIMENKO	g	2647	½	½	■	½	½	0	1	½	½	1	1	1	7	1–3

3	Z. EFIMENKO	g	2647	½	½	■	½	½	0	1	½	½	1	1	1	7	1–3
4	SIVUK	g	2552	½	½	½	■	½	1	0	½	1	½	½	½	6	4–7
5	A. ARESHCHENKO	g	2677	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	6	4–7
6	KOVCHAN	g	2583	0	½	1	0	½	■	½	½	½	½	1	1	6	4–7
7	KUZUBOV	g	2640	0	½	0	1	½	½	■	½	1	1	0	1	6	4–7
8	Y. KRYVORUCHKO	g	2711	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	■	0	½	1	½	5½	8
9	S. FEDORCHUK	g	2641	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	1	■	½	1	1	4½	9
10	M. MUZYCHUK	g	2561	½	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	4	10–11
11	ALEXA. ZUBAREV	g	2548	0	½	0	½	½	0	1	0	0	½	■	1	4	10–11
12	VA. NEVEROV	g	2516	1	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	■	3	12

KHANTY-MANSIYSK, XII 2015

The Russian Cup Final

Time Control:

Games 1 & 2: 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes to the end of the game, with a 30 seconds increment from move one.
Games 3 & 4 (rapid): 15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment after each move.

If the score is still level after the matches, the players shall play a single decisive sudden death game. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the color. The player with the white pieces shall receive 5 minutes, the opponent with the black pieces shall receive 4 minutes whereupon, after the 61th move, both players shall receive an increment of 3 seconds. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

Round 1:

			1	2	
TUKHAEV	g	2565	0	0	0
MOTYLEV	g	2653	1	1	2

			1	2	
VL. FEDOSEEV	g	2664	½	1	1½
I. ROZUM	g	2559	½	0	½

			1	2	
DM. KOKAREV	g	2611	1	½	1½
PRIDOROZHNI	g	2563	0	½	½

			1	2	
ARTY. TIMOFEEV	g	2555	1	½	1½
V. ARTEMIEV	g	2676	0	½	½

			1	2	3	4

P. MALETIN	g	2569	½	½	1	1	3
A. GOGANOV	g	2597	½	½	0	0	1

			1	2	
D. KHISMATULLIN	g	2654	½	1	1½
ILJIUSHENOK	m	2484	½	0	½

			1	2	3	4	5	
U. ELISEEV	g	2548	½	½	½	½	0	2
BUKAVSHIN	g	2657	½	½	½	½	1	3

			1	2	
I. KHAIRULLIN	g	2647	1	1	2
K. ALEKSEENKO	g	2558	0	0	0

Quarter-finals:

			1	2	
MOTYLEV	g	2653	0	½	½
VL. FEDOSEEV	g	2664	1	½	1½

			1	2	
DM. KOKAREV	g	2611	1	½	1½
ARTY. TIMOFEEV	g	2555	0	½	½

			1	2	3	4	
P. MALETIN	g	2569	½	½	0	½	1½
D. KHISMATULLIN	g	2654	½	½	1	½	2½

			1	2	3	4	5	
BUKAVSHIN	g	2657	½	½	½	½	½	2½
I. KHAIRULLIN	g	2647	½	½	½	½	½	2½

Semi-finals:

			1	2	3	4	
VL. FEDOSEEV	g	2664	1	0	0	½	1½
DM. KOKAREV	g	2611	0	1	1	½	2½

			1	2	

D. KHISMATULLIN	g	2654	½	1	½
BUKAVSHIN	g	2657	½	0	1½

Final:

			1	2	
DM. KOKAREV	g	2611	½	0	½
BUKAVSHIN	g	2657	½	1	1½

PAVLODAR, XII 2015
The Pavlodar Open
(85 players, 10 rounds)

1—3. S. Yudin, A. Bezgodov, Ovetchkin 7½, 4—8. B. Savchenko, Alexander Zubov, An. Ismagambetov, E. Gasanov, Frolyanov 7, 9—13. Obolenskikh, R. Khusnutdinov, Sergey Volkov (4122763), Vu. Rasulov, Demianjuk 6½, etc.

ZADAR, XII 2015
The Zadar Open
(52 players, 9 rounds)

1—2. Kožul, Saša Martinović 6½, 3—9. Predojević, H. Stević, Postny, Iv. Šarić, Ante Brkić, Palac, Kreisl 6, 10—13. Al. Kovačević, M. Schachinger, O. Cvitan, V. Dragnev 5½, etc.

PADOVA, XII 2015
The 18th Padova Open
(68 players, 9 rounds)

1. A. Zhigalko 7, 2—3. Alb. David, I. Enchev 6½, 4—12. N. Maiorov (13501720), Bl. Kovačević, Ki. Georgiev, Danin, A. Valsecchi, Y. Vovk, A. Striković, Mo. Nikolov, M. Mrđa 6, etc.

DOHA, XII 2015
The Qatar Masters Open
(132 players, 9 rounds)

1—2. M. Carlsen, Yu Yangyi 7, 3—7. V. Kramnik, Sergey Karjakin, Sjugirov, Ni Hua, Ivanchuk 6½, 8—17. A. Giri, Xu Yinglun, S. Ganguly, P. Harikrishna, R. Ponomariov, Vl. Akopian, J.-K. Duda, Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son, Vitiugov, S. P. Sethuraman 6, 18—39. W. So, Li Chao, Mamedyarov, D. Świercz, Zhang Zhong, Wojtaszek, Piorun, D. Howell, A. Ipatov, D. Naroditsky, Matlakov, D. Jakovenko, Grandelius, A. Korobov, Bologan, Lin Chen, Lu Shanglei, S. Vidit, Vl. Fedoseev, D. Khismatullin, Hou Yifan, Sasikiran 5½, etc.

Tie Break (blitz):

			1	2	
M. CARLSEN	g	2834	1	1	2
YU YANGYI	g	2736	0	0	0

AL-AIN, XII 2015
The 4th Al-Ain Chess Classic
(127 players, 9 rounds)

1. Wang Hao 8, 2—10. Shirov, Pashikian, L. Pantsulaia, Y. Kryvoruchko, A. Areshchenko, Oleksiyenko, Kravtsiv, R. Hovhannisyan, Z. Efimenko 6½, 11—19. Mchedlishvili, V. Onischuk, Ale. Rakhmanov, Z. Andriasian, Motylev, S. Zhigalko, S. Azarov, Külaots, Antón Guijarro 6, 20—40. Zeng Chongsheng, Su. Vaibhav, Gabuzyan, Ab. Gupta, U. Bajarani, M.-E. Pârligras, Babujian, F. Libiszewski, Ah. Adly, Vishnu Prasanna, Kuzubov, Sergey Volkov (4122763), B. Amin, R. Ankit, M. Petrosyan, Arencibia Rodríguez, Azaladze, G. N. Gopal, Ho. Hayrapetyan, D. Sengupta, V. Iordăchescu 5½, etc.

MÉRIDA, XII 2015
The 27th Carlos Torre Memorial
(113 players, 9 rounds)

1—4. Bruzón Batista, J. Cori Tello, Bacallao Alonso, Yu. Quesada Pérez 7, 5—11. Dreev, Tiviakov, Ortega Amarelle, E. Córdova, Baryshpolets, Martínez Duany, Ortiz Suárez 6½, 12—17. E. L'Ami, A. Pichot, Di. Cuellar, Y. González Vidal, Abreu Delgado, Romero Holmes 6, etc.

LAS VEGAS, XII 2015
The 25th North American Open
(108 players, 9 rounds)

1—3. Dreev, G. Kamsky, Nakar 7, 4—10. Zhou Jianchao, Jef. Xiong, Wang Chen, O. Barbosa, Li Ruifeng, C. Wheeler, J. Colas, 6½, etc.

STOCKHOLM, XII 2015 – I 2016
The 45th Rilton Cup 2015–16
(94 players, 9 rounds)

1. M. Rodshtein 8, 2. J. Hammer 7½, 3. E. Blomqvist 7, 4—6. Hillarp-Persson, S. Sevian, M. Soćko 6½, 7—14. Krasenkow, Alexa. Donchenko, H. Tikkanen, Zumsande, A. Goganov, A. Tari, Meškovs, H. Poetsch 6, etc.

HASTINGS, XII 2015 – I 2016
The 91st Hastings Congress 2015–16
(88 players, 9 rounds)

1—2. A. Miśta, J. Vakhidov 7, 3—7. F. Berkes, Khenkin, Š. Šulskis, T. Fodor jr., J. Sarkar 6½, 8—12. G. Flear, M. Bagi, D. Eggleston, C. R. G. Krishna, Pe. Batchelor 6, etc.

SCHWÄBISCH GMÜND, I 2016
The 28th Staufer-Open
(220 players, 9 rounds)

1. Al. Gavrilov (4104358) 7½, 2—9. O. Bortnyk, A. Dgebuadze, R. Schmaltz, K. Stupak, Alexa. Zubarev, J. van Foreest, V. Burmakin, Womacka 7, 10—14. Miedema, E. Vorobiov, Keymer, J. Rosner, Skembris 6½, etc.

YEREVAN, I 2016
cat. XII (2539)
The 76th Armenia (ch) – Highest League

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	Z. ANDRIASIAN	g	2594	■	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	8	1
2	R. HOVHANNISYAN	g	2624	½	■	½	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	7½	2
3	PASHIKIAN	g	2606	½	½	■	1	0	1	½	½	1	0	½	1	6½	3—4
4	TER-SAHAKYAN	g	2604	0	1	0	■	½	½	½	1	1	0	1	1	6½	3—4

5	GABUZYAN	g	2585	0	½	1	½	■	1	½	1	0	½	0	1	6	5
6	M. PETROSYAN	m	2466	½	½	0	½	0	■	1	½	½	½	½	1	5½	6
7	T. L. PETROSIAN	g	2625	½	0	½	½	½	0	■	0	1	1	½	½	5	7–8
8	BABUJIAN	g	2465	0	0	½	0	0	½	1	■	1	1	1	0	5	7–8
9	A. MIKAELYAN	m	2448	0	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	■	1	1	1	4½	9
10	K. H. GRIGORYAN	g	2602	½	0	1	1	½	½	0	0	0	■	0	½	4	10–11
11	HO. HAYRAPETYAN	g	2489	0	½	½	0	1	½	½	0	0	1	■	0	4	10–11
12	N. TOROSYAN		2365	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	½	1	■	3½	12

ANTOFAGASTA, I 2016
The 2nd ZICOSUR Open

(127 players, 9 rounds)

1. A. Pichot 8, 2. Granda Zúñiga 7½, 3–5. Delgado Ramírez, I. Cheparinov, Pérez Ponsa 7, 6–8. Valenzuela Gómez, Cr. Cruz, A. Obregón 6½, etc.

TALLINN (rapid), I 2016
The 25th Paul Keres Memorial

(178 players, 11 rounds)

Time Control: 15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment after each move.

1. Ig. Kovalenko 9, 2-4. D. Howell, B. Gelfand, S. Ganguly 8½, 5-13. J.-K. Duda, Ki. Georgiev, Svidler, F. Berkes, Motylev, A. Kosteniuk, P. Tregubov, Mitoń, Neikšans 8, 14-23. Vitiugov, V. Mikhalevski, Matlakov, D. Yevseev, Jumabayev, E. Romanov (4148843), D. Fridman, Sutovsky, Ale. Rakhmanov, Eljanov 7½, etc.

NEW DELHI, I 2016
The 14th Delhi Open

(200 players, 10 rounds)

1–3. Ivan Popov (4170350), A. Czebe, Va. Neverov 8, 4–10. Sivuk, An. Demchenko, B. Lalith, Say. Das, Nguyen Duc Hoa, Su. Vaibhav, Mozharov 7½, 11–15. B. Grachev, Solodovnichenko, N. R. Vignesh, Sammed Jaykumar, C. R. G. Krishna 7, etc.

WIJK AAN ZEE, I 2016
The 78th Tata Steel Masters

cat. XX (2748)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1	M. CARLSEN	g	2844	■	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	9	1
2	F. CARUANA	g	2787	½	■	1	½	½	1	1	½	½	0	0	½	1	1	8	2–3
3	DING LIREN	g	2766	½	0	■	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	8	2–3
4	W. SO	g	2773	½	½	½	■	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	4–6
5	A. GIRI	g	2798	½	½	½	0	■	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	7	4–6
6	ELJANOV	g	2760	0	0	0	½	½	■	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	1	7	4–6
7	WEI YI	g	2706	½	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	6½	7–8
8	MAMEDYAROV	g	2747	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	■	½	½	½	1	1	½	6½	7–8
9	SERGEY KARJAKIN	g	2769	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	1	½	0	½	6	9
10	D. NAVARA	g	2730	½	1	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	■	½	0	½	½	5½	10–11
11	TOMASHEVSKY	g	2728	0	1	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	■	½	½	½	5½	10–11
12	HOU YIFAN	g	2673	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	1	½	■	½	0	5	12–14
13	MI. ADAMS	g	2744	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	■	½	5	12–14
14	VAN WELY	g	2640	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	■	5	12–14

WIJK AAN ZEE II, I 2016

cat. XIII (2569)

WIJK AAN ZEE II, I 2016
The 78th Tata Steel Challengers

cat. XIII (2569)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1	ADHIBAN	g	2653	■	1	1	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	9	1–3
2	E. SAFARLI	g	2653	0	■	½	1	1	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	9	1–3
3	DREEV	g	2644	0	½	■	1	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	9	1–3
4	B. BOK	g	2607	½	0	0	■	½	½	0	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	7	4–5
5	M. A. ANTIPOV	g	2567	½	0	0	½	■	½	1	½	1	0	0	1	1	1	7	4–5
6	NISIPEANU	g	2679	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	0	6½	6–10
7	J. VAN FOREEST	m	2541	1	0	½	1	0	½	■	0	1	1	0	0	½	1	6½	6–10
8	N. ABASOV	g	2556	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	■	½	0	1	0	½	1	6½	6–10
9	E. L'AMI	g	2627	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	■	1	½	½	1	1	6½	6–10
10	S. SEVIAN	g	2578	½	0	0	½	1	½	0	1	0	■	1	1	0	1	6½	6–10
11	JU WENJUN	g	2548	0	½	0	0	1	½	1	0	½	0	■	½	1	1	6	11
12	BATSIASHVILI	m	2485	½	0	0	½	0	0	1	1	½	0	½	■	1	0	5	12
13	ADMIRAAL	m	2441	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	0	1	0	0	■	1	4½	13
14	A. HAAST	wg	2391	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	■	2	14

FLORIANOPOLIS, I 2016
The 2nd Floripa Open

(298 players, 10 rounds)

1. Granda Zúñiga 8½, 2–8. Delgado Ramírez, El Debs, Supi, Di Berardino, V. Carneiro, Dr. Stamenković (920754), L. Perdomo 8, 9–15. E. Matsuura, A. Slavin, Rob. Molina, Mahía, J. Cubas, Rodi, G. Della Morte 7½, etc.

CHENNAI, I 2016
The 8th Chennai Open

(214 players, 10 rounds)

1. V. Belous 8½, 2–3. B. Grachev, S. Vijayalakshmi 8, 4–7. Solodovnichenko, Tukhaev, S. Ernst, A. Gabrielian 7½, 8–20. Mozharov, Bernadskiy, M. Dzhumaev, Shyaamnikhil, An. Demchenko, Rathnakaran, S. Dh. Swapnil, Sivuk, Nguyen Duc Hoa, M. R. Venkatesh, Va. Neverov, Alb. David, Nguyen Huynh Minh Huy 7, etc.

POREČ, I 2016
The Croatian Championship

cat. XIII (2560)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	KOŽUL	g	2607	■	½	½	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	6½	1–3
2	ANTE BRKIĆ	g	2593	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	6½	1–3
3	IV. ŠARIĆ	g	2650	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6½	1–3
4	ZORAN JOVANOVIĆ	g	2507	1	½	½	■	½	½	1	½	½	½	0	½	6	4–7
5	H. STEVIĆ	g	2600	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	6	4–7
6	PALAC	g	2574	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	½	½	6	4–7
7	A. ŠARIĆ	g	2600	0	½	½	0	½	½	■	½	1	½	1	1	6	4–7
8	O. CVITAN	g	2497	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	1	0	½	5½	8–9
9	AL. JANKOVIĆ	g	2560	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	■	½	½	1	5½	8–9
10	BL. KOVAČEVIĆ	m	2488	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	■	1	½	4½	10–11
11	MARIN BOSIOČIĆ	g	2567	0	½	0	1	0	½	0	1	½	0	■	1	4½	10–11
12	I. ŽAJA	g	2475	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	0	■	2½	12

GIBRALTAR, I–II 2016

The Tradewise Chess Festival Masters

(257 players, 10 rounds)

1—2. Vachier-Lagrave, Hi. Nakamura 8, 3—8. E. Bacrot, S. P. Sethuraman, P. Harikrishna, G. Jones, Li Chao, Sutovsky 7½, 9—23. Ragger, Ab. Gupta, S. Mazé, D. Jakovenko, Antón Guijarro, Bruzón Batista, Grandelius, R. Rapport, A. Muzychuk, S. Vidit, Z. Almási, Edouard, Pérez Ponsa, Fressinet, G. Kamsky 7, 24—48. Lenič, Gledura, A. Tari, Wojtaszek, Yu Yangyi, Ni Hua, Lalith Babu, A. Stefanova, S. Grigoriants, G. Oparin, Tan Zhongyi, Ax. Bachmann, J.-K. Duda, Bai Jinshi, Kelires, Ch. Sandipan, F. Libiszewski, V. Anand, N. Short, Wemmers, L. Shytaj, S. Ganguly, Khademalsharieh, Vishnu Prasanna, Ma. Herman 6½, 49—70. Vázquez Igarza, D. Harika, Mo. Ly, M. Muzychuk, P. Tregubov, Pogonina, G. N. Gopal, D. Howell, Ch. Aravindh, A. Kosteniuk, Goryachkina, A. R. S. Salem, A. Pichot, Nakar, Y. Shvayger, Almagro Llamas, Jus. Tan (3206882), Tischbierek, Tarjan, J. Salomon, P. Carlsson, Zhao Xue 6, etc.

Tie Break (rapid):

			1	2	3	4	5	
HI. NAKAMURA	g	2787	½	½	½	½	1	3
VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2785	½	½	½	½	0	2

MOSCOW, I–II 2016
The Moscow Open

(229 players, 9 rounds)

1—2. U. Eliseev, Gordievsky 7½, 3—9. A. Korobov, Arty. Timofeev, V. Artemiev, E. Inarkiev, A. Moskalenko, Dm. Kokarev, V. Korchmar 7, 10—20. Oleg V. Ivanov, D. Khismatullin, Ponkratov, E. Gasanov, B. Grachev, K. Shevchenko, Iljiushenok, P. Vorontsov, Naumkin, Tran Tuan Minh, Triapishko 6½, 21—38. Bernadskiy, Ge. Antal, A. Goganov, M. Oganian, Vladim. Seliverstov, D. Lintchevski, O. Badmatsyrenov, K. Kozionov, K. Alekseenko, Alexei Kornev, S. Golubov, J. Geller, D. Khegay, Alikulov, M. Lugovskoy, Harutjunyan, S. Khanin, P. Dvalishvili 6, etc.

PLOVDIV, I–II 2016
The 38th Bulgarian Open

(241 players, 9 rounds)

1. A. Fier 8, 2. V. Nevednichy 7½, 3—11. K. Rusev, Heberla, V. Spasov, V. Pantev, T.-M. Georgescu, De. Antić, Tilicheev, Marian Petrov, Posedaru 7, 12—25. Radoslav Dimitrov, A. Valsecchi, Costachi, Ad. Nikolova, To. Georgiev, A. Huhndorf, Antova, Biljanić, Piskur, D. Ninov, Mih. Radovanović, Ilchov, Sr. Cvetković, At. Dimitrov 6½, etc.

ZÜRICH, II 2016

cat. XXI (2774)

The Zürich Chess Challenge

Opening Blitz Tournament

The Opening Blitz Tournament has no influence on the overall result, but is played to determine the starting number of each player.
Time Control: 4 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2787	■	0	½	1	1	1	3½
2	V. ANAND	g	2784	1	■	½	½	0	1	3
3	SHIROV	g	2684	½	½	■	½	1	½	3
4	V. KRAMNIK	g	2801	0	½	½	■	1	½	2½
5	ARONIAN	g	2792	0	1	0	0	■	1	2
6	A. GIRI	g	2798	0	0	½	½	0	■	1

Rapid

Time Control: 40 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move

				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2787	■	½	½	1	1	½	3½
2	V. ANAND	g	2784	½	■	½	1	½	1	3½
3	V. KRAMNIK	g	2801	½	½	■	½	½	1	3
4	ARONIAN	g	2792	0	0	½	■	1	½	2
5	SHIROV	g	2684	0	½	½	0	■	½	1½
6	A. GIRI	g	2798	½	0	0	½	½	■	1½

Blitz

Time Control: 4 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move

				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2787	■	½	½	1	1	½	3½
2	V. ANAND	g	2784	½	■	½	½	1	1	3½
3	V. KRAMNIK	g	2801	½	½	■	½	1	1	3½
4	A. GIRI	g	2798	0	½	½	■	½	1	2½
5	ARONIAN	g	2792	0	0	0	½	■	1	1½
6	SHIROV	g	2684	½	0	0	0	0	■	½

Final Combined Standings:

		ELO	Pts	SB
1	HI. NAKAMURA (USA)	2787	10½	22.75
2	V. ANAND (IND)	2784	10½	21.75
3	V. KRAMNIK (RUS)	2801	9½	20.25
4	A. GIRI (NED)	2798	5½	11.75
5	ARONIAN (ARM)	2792	5½	9.25
6	SHIROV (LAT)	2684	3½	9.75

* The winner of a Rapid game earns 2 points for the Overall Standings, in case of a draw each player earns 1 point and the loser 0 points.

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